

Alexandria-Washington Lodge No. 22

September 2003

Master's Message

Brethren,

The month of the second anniversary of the terrorist attacks on our Native Soil is upon us. I ask that all brethren wheresoever dispersed keep the families of the fallen in their thoughts and prayers. Our first Stated Communication of September will fall on the exact date, September 11, and I have asked our Chaplain, Worshipful **Frank Dunaway**, to prepare a special prayer. The night's program will be on the recently created *Committee on Scholarships and Educational Activities*. Worshipful **Jim Stone**, Chairman, will be making a presentation that evening on how far the committee has come in such a short amount of time since its inception last year and what their plans are for the future. I would personally like to thank and commend the members of the committee in their efforts to giving form to the dream.

Our second Stated Communication will be this year's annual "*Wardens' Night*". Right Worshipful **Claude Harris** will be returning to his Mother Lodge to make a special presentation on the one-day Master Mason's class as perceived abroad. Our Senior Warden, Brother **Frank Skwirut** is from Brazil, where I'm told there is a very different view of Freemasonry, and he felt this would be an appropriate topic for the evening. I ask all brethren to come out to support their Wardens and the Future Leaders of our great Lodge.

We have been invited to the Official Visit of the Grand Master of Masons in Virginia, Most Worshipful **Frederick Garrison Martin, III** at the Stated Communication of John Blair Lodge No. 187 on Wednesday, September 17. We will be making a visit of our own that evening in support of the Grand Master. I invite all brethren to attend this special meeting. Dinner begins at 6:30 PM and the Communication at 7:30 PM. Tickets are being sold in advance at \$15 per person and are available from Worshipful **Robert Rohrbach**, Master of John Blair, by either mailing to him at 9109 Courtley Court, Fairfax, VA 22031 or calling him at (703) 280-1672.

On September 20, the *Multi-District Educational Program* will take place at Kena Temple in Fairfax, VA, to discuss the following topics:

- Freemasonry and Masonic Philosophy in the 21st Century
- Building membership and commitment
- The Prince Hall issue

It should be an informative and interesting program for those in search of continued Light in Masonry. Officers and Members are encouraged to attend.

The *District 1A Annual Picnic and Reunion* will be held on Sunday, September 21, at 1:00 PM at Collingwood, near Mount Vernon. All Brethren (be they Entered Apprentices, Fellowcrafts or Master Masons) and their wives and children are invited and welcome to participate in the fellowship at this family event.

ANNOUNCEMENT: Officers will return to the black tuxedo uniform at the first Stated Communication on September 11.

Sincerely and fraternally,



James M. Stevenson
Worshipful Master



SPECIAL EVENTS IN THE FUTURE:

- October 11 (Sat) - **Ladies' Night** w/ William L. Elkins Lodge No. 271, F&AM, Pennsylvania

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September 2003 - Trestleboard

Day	Time	Activity
Wed 09/03/2003	7:30 pm	VISITING LODGE: Harmony Lodge No. 17 F.A.A.M., Washington, DC
Thu 09/11/2003	7:30 pm	STATED COMMUNICATION: Dinner to follow The Committee on Scholarships and Educational Activities *** OFFICERS BACK IN BLACK TUXEDO ***
Sat 09/13/2003	10:00 am	LODGE RITUAL SCHOOL (ALL DAY): Alexandria-Washington Lodge Room, GWMNM
Mon 09/15/2003	7:00 pm	CALLED COMMUNICATION: Entered Apprentice Degree
Wed 09/17/2003	6:30 pm	FRATERNAL VISIT: John Blair Lodge No. 187 Official Visit of the Grand Master of Masons in Virginia
Sat 09/20/2003	8:00 am	MULTI-DISTRICT EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM: Kena Shrine Temple, Fairfax, VA
Sat 09/21/2003	1:00 pm	DISTRICT 1A ANNUAL PICNIC & REUNION: Collingwood
Tue 09/23/2003	7:00 pm	DISTRICT RITUAL SCHOOL: John Blair Lodge No. 187, Hosting Fellowcraft Degree
Thu 09/25/2003	7:30 pm	STATED COMMUNICATION: Wardens' Night Masonic Birthdays
Sat 09/27/2003	11:00 am	VISITING LODGE: Monitor Lodge No. 197 A.F. & A.M., Hampton, VA Cancelled due to hurricane
Mon 09/29/2003	7:00 pm	CALLED COMMUNICATION: Fellowcraft Degree

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 Thursday 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 and December 27th for the installation of officers on Saint John the Evangelist Day.

CALLED COMMUNICATIONS - Usually on Mondays as announced herein.

LODGE RITUAL SCHOOL - Will always occur the Sunday before a Monday Called Communication Degree at 7:00 PM, unless otherwise stated. Additional ritual schools will be announced herein when necessary.

YOUTH MEETINGS AT GWMNM - Alexandria-Washington Chapter, International Order of DeMolay, meets the first and

third Sundays at 2 pm in the North Lodge Room. Bethel No. 22, International Order Jobs Daughters, meets the first and third Sundays at 6 pm in the North Lodge Room.