Alexandria-Washington Lodge No. 22

May 2008

Master's Message



We have two wonderful presentations in May, and will be conferring degrees on candidates.

At our first Stated Communication on May 8, Professor Margaret C. Jacob of the University of California at Los Angeles will discuss the topic "The Origins of Freemasonry: Facts and Fictions," based on her recently-published book of the same name. Professor Jacob is one of the world's leading scholars of the Enlightenment and has written and taught much on this important period in the history of Freemasonry and the world.

At our second Stated Communication on May 22, the District Deputy Grand Master of Masonic District 1A, Rt. Wor. George Douglas Seghers, who is also a Past Master of our Lodge, will make his Official Visit to the Lodge at which he will present remarks on the Grand Master's programs this year. There will be a Festive Board after both Stated Communications. Please reserve your space at the table by e-mailing the Senior Steward at JDAdler@gmail.com or by telephoning him at the number contained in this Trestleboard.

We will confer degrees on candidates at a Called Communication on Saturday, May 17. The plan is to begin at 10:00am, examine two candidates on their Fellowcraft catechism previous to their being Raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason. Rest assured, Brethren, Saturday degrees will not become a habit this year, but the Saturday conferral date in May will permit a family member of one of the Fellowcrafts from New York to be present.

The Scholarship Committee has submitted <u>proposed changes to the Standing Resolutions and Operating Rules</u> governing its activities. Please review the enclosed redlined changes. They will be read at the Stated Communication on May 8 and voted on at the first Stated Communication in June. Thanks to the Chairman of that Committee, Bro. Ralph Eugene Olson, for his leadership in proposing this legislation for the Lodge's approval.

Please publicize the availability of the Lodge's Eisenman Scholarship Fund to all who might be interested in applying for a grant. I have enclosed this year's application.

Finally, after years of faithful and excellent service, our Secretary Rt. Wor. Granville Clayton Canard, Jr., PDDGM, resigned from that office at the Stated Communication on April 24, 2008. He will serve until his successor is elected and installed. In accordance with the Methodical Digest sections 2.31 and 2.36, the election of the new Secretary will take place at the next Stated Communication after his resignation, which is the Stated Communication on May 8. Rt. Wor. Bro. Canard will remain active in the life of the Lodge - please join me in thanking him for his exceptional service at your next opportunity.

I look forward to seeing you and sharing Fraternal fellowship with you in May.

Sincerely and Fraternally, **Douglas H. Wood**Worshipful Master

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May 2008 - Trestleboard

Day	Time	Activity
Tue 05/06/2008	7:00 pm	DEGREE PRACTICE: Practice for William Hiram Wood School Entered Apprentice Degree at Henry Knox Field Lodge No. 349
Thu 05/08/2008	7:30 pm	STATED COMMUNICATION: Prof. Margaret C. Jacob, UCLA: "The Origins of Freemasonry: Facts and Fictions" Reading of Proposed Changes to Standing Resolutions Election and Installation of Lodge Secretary
Sat 05/10/2008	7:00 pm	WILLIAM HIRAM WOOD RITUAL SCHOOL: Entered Apprentice Degree, at Scottish Rite Temple in Alexandria
Fri 05/16/2008	7:00 pm	FRATERNAL VISIT FROM: York Lodge No. 563, Grand Lodge of Ohio
Sat 05/17/2008	10:00 am	CALLED COMMUNICATION: Work in the Degrees
Thu 05/22/2008	7:30 pm	STATED COMMUNICATION: Official Visit of Rt. Wor. George Douglas Seghers, District Deputy Grand Master of Masonic District 1A Masonic Birthdays

STATED COMMUNICATIONS - The Stated Communications of this Lodge shall be held at the George Washington Masonic Memorial (GWMM), 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, June 24th for Saint John the Baptist Day and December 27th for the Installation of Officers.

CALLED COMMUNICATIONS - Usually on Mondays or Tuesdays as announced herein.

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

YOUTH MEETINGS AT GWMNM - Alexandria-Washington Chapter, International Order of DeMolay, meets the first and third Sundays at 2:00 pm in the North Lodge Room. Bethel

