

Editor's Notes

Welcome to Volume 7 of the Transactions of A. Douglas Smith, Jr. Lodge of Research No. 1949! As a new brother to A. Douglas Smith, Jr. Lodge of Research, it is my pleasure and privilege to serve as the new Editor and Publisher. I am excited to assume the publishing responsibility for your future Transactions and truly understand the importance of encouraging masonic research and publishing these timeless masonic works.

I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks and my best wishes to Worshipful G. William (Bill) Miller, PM who has led the Publications Committee for almost 30 years. Worshipful Bill has shared his knowledge and the publishing tools and materials necessary to prepare the contents of Volume 7 and future volumes of these Transactions.

It was Worshipful Bill's idea to work together on volume 7. He shared his wealth of knowledge, experience, and wisdom on how to prepare future volumes. Brother Bill's passion for the craft and devotion to the Transactions' preservation has created a foundation and standards for future publications.

I would like to re-emphasize that one of the major tasks of the Editor is to try to ensure that all the papers adhere to the same style when they are published. All of the papers have been reformatted into the standard 2-column layout we use, the fonts have been changed to our standard font, and minor obvious spelling errors have been corrected; none of the content has been changed. I will continue to use the defined style. If you find the style we are using is not satisfactory, please let the Publications Committees know what changes you would like to see for review and consideration.

Future publishing updates being considered are to leverage DVD or other digital formats to distribute future volumes of the Transactions. The objective is to improve access and distribution to the brethren. For example, digital

format distribution will allow us to include photos, videos, and other new formats. The digital format will also permit brethren to read the transactions on e-readers or mobile devices.

I wish to acknowledge the help and assistance of Worshipful Rhey Solomon for maintaining an accurate list of the presentations and papers that had been made in Lodge from the Lodge minutes of each meeting.

“Thank you” to Worshipful Philip Brooks, Bill, members of the Publications Committee, and others whose assistance has gone into the production of this Volume.

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