

## Preface to Volume II

It is my privilege to present this introduction to Volume II of the Transactions of A. Douglas Smith, Jr. Lodge of Research No. 1949, A.F. & A.M.

The Lodge is in its tenth year of existence having been constituted on April 30, 1983. The purpose of the Lodge was stated by Wor. Richard B. Baldwin in the Preface to Volume I and I will not restate it here.

I have asked the Committee on Publications to include in these Transactions the Preface from Volume I. I have also asked that the pages outlining the biographical history of Mt. Wor. A. Douglas Smith, Jr., our namesake, which were written by Rt. Wor. Allen E. Roberts and printed in Volume I, be included here.

The membership in the Lodge has increased as the interest in Masonic research has increased here in Northern Virginia. With this interest in research and the increase of papers being presented to the Lodge, we should have enough material to be able to publish the Transactions every two years. I urge the Masons who have affiliated with this Lodge in the years since the Transactions were last published to purchase Volume I.

Much work goes into the preparation of the Transactions, and I thank all those who took part, from the submission of papers to the finished product. Thanks to the members of the Programs Committee and to the members of the Publications Committee.

I take this opportunity to especially thank Wor. G. William Miller and Bro. Roger W. Peak, who spent countless hours making sure the papers were in proper form, scanning them into the computer, and finally into camera-ready copy and the finished product. A job well done.

I look forward to the time when this Lodge will be known as one of the premier Research

Lodges in the United States. I'm proud to be a member.

Edwin R. Carpenter, Jr.  
Worshipful Master

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