

## Preface To Volume V

It is truly a privilege and an honor to serve as Master of A. Douglas Smith, Jr., Lodge of Research No. 1949, named for one of the greatest educators in Virginia Masonry. It is also a great pleasure to present to the members this fifth volume of our Transactions. As we are now well into the electronic age, the Transactions will be made available to our members by CD and later on our website at <http://www.adsmithlor1949.org>. We will also make a printed paper version for any member requesting it. The CD contains everything thus far collected: Volume I (1982-1987), Volume II (1988-1992), Volume III (1993-1997), Volume IV (1998-2001), and Volume V (2002-2005).

Many thanks go to the hard-working Chairman of our Publications Committee Worshipful Bill Miller. He has given us many hours of his time in the procurement of the papers presented, plus the scanning and formatting required to make them available to our membership. This work normally goes unnoticed, but this is not as it should be. Please thank Worshipful Bill the next time you see him.

The members of A. Douglas Smith, Jr., Lodge of Research No. 1949 represent some of the brightest minds and hardest workers in the quarries of Masonry. We are proud to have members in many States and even abroad. Contributions to our research efforts are welcome from anyone and are more especially encouraged from our own members. This year we are honored to have our very own Past Master Kwame Acquah elected Grand Master of the Grand Lodge Free and Accepted Masons of the District of Columbia. Our congratulations to Most Worshipful Acquah and best wishes for a successful year in 2009.

For those who may read this and not be a member of our Lodge, membership is open to any regular Mason in good standing in his Lodge. Dues are a very meager \$15 per year and

entitle you to first access to our publications. Our meetings take place on the fifth Saturday of every month in which that occurs, sometime excluding November as our annual meeting is required to be on the third Saturday of December. We meet in the beautiful North Room of the George Washington Masonic Memorial in Alexandria, VA. Lodge opens at 10 AM and an excellent lunch is served for a nominal donation immediately following close of Lodge.

My thanks go out to all of our outstanding officers and to those who have served on committees this past year for your firm support. We all hope that you will find this new material useful, enjoyable, educational and enlightening.

Sincerely & Fraternaly,

Donald L. McAndrews  
Worshipful Master  
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