



*The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge*

OF ANCIENT, FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS OF  
THE COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

ALAN W. ADKINS, P.G.M.  
Grand Secretary  
4115 NINE MILE ROAD  
RICHMOND, VIRGINIA 23223-4926

January 6, 2003

M. Mickey Ander, Secretary  
A. Douglas Smith, Jr. Lodge of Research No. 1949  
5911 Edsall Road (PH-2)  
Alexandria, Virginia 22304-4105

Dear Brother Ander:

We are enclosing the By-Laws for A. Douglas Smith, Jr. Lodge No. 1949, which have been approved by the Grand Master.

By copy of this letter, we will provide a copy to your District Deputy Grand Master.

With warmest regards and best wishes, I am,

Sincerely and fraternally,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Alan W. Adkins".

Alan W. Adkins  
Grand Secretary

AWA:pbk  
Enclosure

cc: Matthew Todd Szramoski, DDGM, Masonic District No. 1A  
David H. Smith, Chairman, By-Laws Committee

**BY-LAWS**

**A. Douglas Smith, Jr., Masonic Research Lodge N°. 1949 A.F.& A.M.  
Alexandria, Virginia**

**ARTICLE I**

The stated communications of this Lodge shall be held at the Masonic Temple as designated by the Lodge or the Worshipful Master in Virginia on the fifth Saturday of those months having five Saturdays at 10:00 A.M. o'clock, with the exception of November and December, and an annual meeting in December which shall be held on the third Saturday at 10:00 AM.

**ARTICLE II**

Every member of this Lodge except the Treasurer, Secretary, and Tiler on January 1<sup>st</sup> of each year shall be charged by the Secretary with the sum of Fifteen Dollars (\$15.00) yearly dues.

**ARTICLE III (Not Applicable to Research Lodges)**

**ARTICLE IV**

The Treasurer shall receive an annual compensation of Seventy-five Dollars, payable in quarterly installments of \$18.75

**ARTICLE V**

The Secretary shall receive an annual compensation of One Hundred Fifty Dollars, payable in quarterly installments of \$37.50

**ARTICLE VI**

The Tiler, or Acting Tiler, shall receive a compensation of N/A Dollars for each communication he attends in that capacity.

**ARTICLE VII**

The 3 Trustees, who shall be recommended by the Lodge and appointed by the Court having jurisdiction, shall at each annual Stated Communication in December make a report of the investment of all funds and condition of property entrusted to their care.

**ARTICLE VIII**

Any amendment proposed to these by-laws must be submitted in writing at a stated communication, lie over the required four weeks, the membership be notified, and shall require a simple majority affirmative vote of the members present for its adoption.

**ARTICLE IX**

**Corresponding Members**

1. Petitions for Corresponding Membership in A. Douglas Smith, Jr. Lodge of Research No. 1949. A.F.& AM., shall be accepted only from members of Lodges in Grand Jurisdictions recognized by the Grand Lodge of Virginia.
2. Corresponding Members will not be carried on the Grand Lodge roster for A. Douglas Smith, Jr., Lodge of Research No. 1949 members.
3. Corresponding Members shall not have a vote in this Lodge and shall be subject to the same rules of admittance to a Communication of this Lodge as any other visitor as covered by the Laws of the Grand Lodge of Virginia.
4. Petitions for Corresponding membership must be endorsed by two (2) Master Masons who are members of Lodges in Jurisdictions recognized by the Grand Lodge of Virginia.
5. Petitions for Corresponding Membership shall be read and lie over until the next Stated Communication to be balloted on.
6. Dues for Corresponding Members shall be five dollars (\$5.00) per year, payable with the petition and on January 1<sup>st</sup> of each year.
7. Corresponding Members who are two (2) years in arrears in their annual dues shall be dropped from membership.
8. Corresponding Members shall receive copies of all communications and publications of A. Douglas Smith, Jr., Lodge of Research No. 1949, A.F.& A.M.

**CERTIFICATION**

I certify that the above by-laws, or amendments thereto, were submitted in writing and audibly read at the stated communication of this Lodge on August 31<sup>st</sup>, 2002, that it was ordered to lie over for one lunar month; the membership being duly notified that action thereon was to be taken at the Stated Communication to be held on November 30<sup>th</sup>, 2002, and that the said by-laws or amendments thereto were adopted by the required majority of members present.

Requested Effective Date: January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2003

SEAL  
of the  
Lodge

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*W. J. Keyser*

Secretary

30 Nov '02  
Date

Date Approved:

10/17/02

Date Approved:

12/23/02

*Matthew T. Spurr*

District Deputy Grand Master

*Fredrick A. Martin III*

Grand Master of Masons in Virginia