

## Editor's Note

Hello and welcome to Volume 8 of the Transactions of A. Douglas Smith, Jr. Lodge of Research No. 1949! I have enjoyed the privilege of editing this edition of our transactions and am excited to share all of the great work of our Brethren, contained herein, with you.

Due to the diligent work of Rhey M. Solomon, PDDGM, who ensured that all the papers presented from 2014 through 2021 were documented in our minutes and secured in our archives, this project came together fairly smoothly. Leveraging the Worshipful Master's notes from his conversations with G. William (Bill) Miller, PM, the editing process came together and an otherwise daunting task became manageable.

A HUGE "THANK YOU" to all those who assisted in the development, assembly, editing and publication of this Volume. The time, effort, advice and assistance that was shared and provided was invaluable to the success of this project and both the Lodge and I am deeply indebted to all who gave of their time freely.

If there are any adjustments you would suggest toward improving our next volume of transactions, please let the Publications Committees know. Remember, as Worshipful Ray puts it, "Let each of us continue working together to make A. Douglas Smith Jr. Lodge of Research No. 1949 a beacon of light in the Research Lodge community that good men may find us curious and then worthy of the investment of their time and commitment."

It was my pleasure to serve our Lodge. Thank you for the opportunity!

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