



***Gone, but never to be Forgotten:
DCMA mourns the loss of Jimmy Davis***

I knew him as “DM” which stands for “da Man”. He called me “Plas” which stands for “plasma”. I had the good fortune of serving as Worshipful Master of my lodge during his tenure as President of the DCMA in 2001, hence “da man”. “Plasma” referred to that fictitious nuclear fuel of the Star Trek spaceships. I always wondered why I reminded him of that! It will be difficult sitting at the computer doing email and not corresponding with him. There will be an “emptiness” at tonight’s meeting.

On Friday, February 9, 2007, our beloved Secretary, Jimmy Davis passed away and moved on to that great architect of the universe. As I write, I am having difficulty finding the words to express my feelings. We have lost as fine a man and Mason as I have ever known! We will miss his outlook, his attitude, his commitment, his loyalty, his devotion, his sense of honor, and his sense of humor. Jimmy’s steadfast resolve to continue to move the DCMA to the forefront of the 5th Masonic District and DeKalb County, to promote harmony and unity amongst all the lodges and appendant bodies in the area, is something that cannot be duplicated. Please keep Linda and their daughters in your prayers!

As a memorial to Jimmy, your DCMA Officers are proposing that the annual DCMA attendance award be forever renamed “**The Jimmy Davis Memorial Attendance Award**”. He would probably disapprove! However, as he would often say, “...make your circle bigger”; I believe that today he is saying “what are ya waitin’ for?”

Bobby Jones

Welcome to Chamblee-Sardis 444

We’re glad you’re here! This is the meeting where we present the donations you gave last year to our three charities. PGM Al Garner will accept the donation for the Georgia Masonic Children’s Home, PGM Joe Suttles will accept the donation for the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, and JGW & SGIG Leonard Buffington will accept the check for the Scottish Rite Foundation. We’re proud of the donations, and pleased to turn those funds over to their intended recipients. There will be additional programs tonight, including “Building the Flag”, presented by Col. Phil Walker of Ft. McPherson Chapter No. 60, National Sojourners (<http://ns.morelight.org>), and a short presentation from Yaarab Shrine’s Blue Lodge Ambassador, Joe McMahan, a Past Commander of the Yaarab Legion of Honor.

Where Next?

On Tuesday, 20 March, we will meet just down the road at North DeKalb 714, where we are usually treated to an Irish-themed evening in celebration of St. Patrick’s Day. John Holt, DDGM, will give his “Friend to Friend” presentation about the Masonic Memorial Monument at Gettysburg National Military Park. ***Bring a friend!***

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DCMA Info Online?

Yep, <http://dcma.morelight.org> is the DCMA’s very own website. In addition to links to websites of our member bodies, it lists the calendar for the year, including where we meet, when we meet, and what the program will be (when known in advance), as well as listing any upcoming fundraisers or special meetings by DCMA member groups. Just email david@morelight.org to get your information added.

What About Masonic Funerals?

The DeKalb Masonic Memorial Club exists solely to perform this last sad tribute of respect for our deceased Brethren. For further information, please contact: our President, Gerald Whited, at 770-921-9672 or <http://dmmc.morelight.org>

DeKalb County Masonic Association Newsletter for February, 2007

DCMA Status Report

Well, we have obviously taken a big setback with the loss of Jimmy Davis. Fortunately, Bill Eleazer has offered to handle the duties of Secretary/Treasurer in the interim, and we thank him wholeheartedly for that.

If anyone would like to get more actively involved in the DCMA, now would be a good time to speak up. Just get a hold of Bobby, Mike, David or Bill at the next meeting, or use the contact info to the right.

Where does the money go?

Brethren and Sisters, the DCMA is very mindful about what it can and can not do with the money we take in.

Dues: The DCMA asks for a mere \$25 per lodge per year. This primarily funds the annual awards we give out, as well as some minor administrative costs (mailings, photocopies).

Dinner Donations: As many have noticed, the DCMA has started to place a donation box at meal time. Every bit that is donated is turned back over to the hosting lodge to help offset the cost of the meal. Some lodges might not flinch at the cost of feeding 100 visitors, but for some lodges it is quite a hardship. The DCMA does not wish to be a burden on any of our host lodges. We encourage attendees to donate according to their circumstances, and we encourage the host lodge to use the donations as they see fit.

Charity Collections: When we collect for our charities, please rest assured that every bit of that money will be divided three ways and distributed to our three stated charities the following February. Those charities are The Georgia Masonic Children's Home, the Scottish Rite Foundation, and the Knight Templar Eye Fund. If we have some general (dues) money, we might just top it off to make the donations a nice round number.

Please note that the door prizes are funded by a donation from Oliver Grantham, and do NOT come from your dues, dinner donations, or charity contributions.

Please also note that nobody receives any tangible compensation for DCMA participation. We even pay for our own pretty DCMA shirts. Participation *IS* our reward!

Programs? What Programs?

Yes, programs! We are going to have a short (and by short, we mean about 20 minutes duration) educational or entertainment program at each meeting this year. We are also compiling a list of such programs and their presenters.

David is working on such a list to help lodges not only in DeKalb County, but the whole 5th District. Please contact him if you have any information to contribute.

Upcoming Nearby Events

Sat, 24 Feb - Masonic History Presentation
Palmetto Daylight 765, Palmetto

Sat, 24 Feb - 25 & 50 Year Awards
Campbellton 76, South Fulton

Thu, 1 Mar - Installation of Officers
Valley of Atlanta, A&ASR

Sat, 3 Mar - Breakfast Fundraiser
Stone Mountain 449, Stone Mountain

Sat, 3 Mar - EA Conferral
Bartlett 139, Hiram

Sun, 4 Mar - Lunch Fundraiser
Lithonia 84, Lithonia

Tue, 6 Mar - Stewards & Deacons Program
East Point 288, Peachtree City

Wed, 7 Mar - Mentor Class
Lawrenceville 131, Lawrenceville

Thu, 8 Mar - Stewards & Deacons Program
Atlanta-Peachtree 59, Atlanta

Sat, 10 Mar - MM Conferral & Dramatization
Tucker 42, Tucker (Knights of Mecca)

Sat, 17 Mar - Fish Fry
Cochran 217, Cochran

Tue, 20 Mar - DCMA & Friend to Friend
North DeKalb 714, Atlanta

Sat, 24 Mar - Pancake Breakfast
Chamblee-Sardis 444, Chamblee

Thu, 5 Apr - Remembrance & Renewal Ceremony
Valley of Atlanta, A&ASR

Sat, 7 Apr - Breakfast Fundraiser
Stone Mountain 449, Stone Mountain

Sat, 7 Apr - MM Conferral by KoM
Tucker 42, Tucker

Sun, 8 Apr - Lunch Fundraiser
Lithonia 84, Lithonia

Sat, 14 Apr - 6th Annual Masonic Golf Charity
Wood Lake Golf Course, Monroe (Snellville 99)

Tue, 17 Apr - DCMA
Masters 295, Decatur