# Free and Accepted Masons of the District of Columbia

**Arminius #25**

**Stated Communication for April 2019 – April 15th, 2019**

**Scottish Rite, Southern Jurisdiction, Valley of Washington, DC**

**2800 16th St. NW, Washington DC**

**Brethren in attendance:**

WB Elijah C. Mills (Worshipful Master)

WB John Costanza, PM (Senior Warden)

WB Andrew Hammer, PM (Junior Warden)

WB J.D. Walker (Secretary)

RWB Gerhard Meinzer, PM (Grand Tiler) (Treasurer)

WB Columbus Thompson, PM (Acting Senior Deacon)

WB Ken Ranney, PM (Acting Junior Deacon)

Br. Manfred Juschka (Tiler)

WB John R. Wimmel, Jr. (Chaplain)

WB J.D. Holt, PM

1. **Opening**

Worshipful Master Elijah Mills opened the lodge on the 3rd degree of Freemasonry at 7:45 pm.

1. **Secretary’s Report**
2. **Communications**

The Worshipful Brother Secretary related the gist of a letter from the Masters and Wardens Association requesting a donation for 2019 of $150 per Lodge per year. He also noted that the Grand Master has called a special meeting of the Masters and Wardens

1. **Minutes**

The Worshipful Brother Secretary related that the minutes of our March Stated Communication were posted to the Lodge web site in the members area immediately after said communication, and have been there since. The Worshipful Master asked for additions or corrections. Hearing none, he declared the minutes approved as read.

1. **Bills**

The Worshipful Brother Secretary presented a bill for the first half-year dues to the Grand Lodge of $271.80

**MOTION** by Ken Ranney, second by John Wimmel, to pay the bill, passed.

1. **Trustees’ Report**

The two Franklin Templeton accounts contain (as of 31 March 2019) $7876.68 and $580.84, respectively. The new annuity total was unavailable at the time of these minutes, and the WB Trustee Chair promised to email it to the listserv as soon as he is able. The previous total was

$11,494.75 as of 30 October 2018

1. **Treasurer’s Report**

RWB Gerhard Meinzer reported $7444.53 in the checking account.

1. **Kirchgang**

The Worshipful Master discussed the annual Church Visit with Germania #160 of Baltimore

1. **Lodge Situation**

The Worshipful Master discussed the fact that we’re losing lot parking, and that Justice-Columbia #3 no longer meets in this building, and threw the discussion open to the Lodge on which way we should go. Discussion ensued on many options, including changing our meeting night. No action was taken.

1. **Program**

Worshipful Master Elijah Mills read WB Mark Dreisonstok’s program – The Butterfly and the Hour of Change, the subject of which is the Butterfly as a Masonic symbol

WB Andrew Hammer wanted to explicitly thank WB Mark Dreisonstok for the program.

The Worshipful Master noted that WB Andrew Hammer will be speaking next month about the Germanic ritual.

1. **Closing – 3rd degree**

The Worshipful Master closed Arminius #25 in due form on the 3rd degree of Masonry at 8:40 pm.

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J.D. Walker

Secretary,

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