

**PETER M. RASMUSSEN
LODGE 916 AF & AM
TRESTLE BOARD**

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From the East
W Brother Stanley L. Reams

Fraternal Greetings, Brethren:

47 years ago today (25 March 2019) the Charter proclaiming the formal establishment of our Lodge was issued by the United Grand Loge of Germany, AF & AM. Today the members of the Lodge can celebrate with justifiable pride 47 years of service to, and within the Masonic community.

During the past 47 years our Lodge has been the medium through which numerous good men were received into our ancient and honorable fraternity. It has served as a Masonic home-away-from home for hundreds of Freemasons in all walks of life who found themselves sojourner, residing in Germany as the result of their employment, normal vocations, or who were temporarily passing through the jurisdiction of the Lodge.

It is almost certainly true the Founding Members and Charter Members of our Lodge foresee the consecration of our Lodge in the Orient of Worms could not, at that point in time and considering the particular circumstances, conceive of the Lodge successes. Hence the occasion of our Lodge Anniversary 25 March 2019 is an auspicious one, and takes on greater significance when one considers the constantly changing world which have affected the local membership status in the present and will continue to do so in the future.

It is a rare privilege and honors that devolves upon me at this time and extend the congratulations, good wishes, and high esteem of all the officers and members of Peter M. Rasmussen Lodge 916, and I am humble to have had the opportunity to serve you as your Master this Masonic Year. To all the members of our honorable Lodge, both past and present. May the blessing of the

Grand Architect of the Universe be with our members and families, and our Lodge, as we enter upon our 47th Masonic year!

Peter M. Rasmussen Lodge 916
25 March 1972 - 25 March 2019
47th Anniversary



Early History of Square and Compass Club and Peter M. Rasmussen Lodge 916

Who created it?
What was it at first?
When did it originate?
Where did it start?
Why was it needed?
How was it began?

1971 started out as Worms Square and Compass Club. Taukkunen Barracks Snack Bar
19 Aug 71 petition to form a lodge submitted to ACGL
25 March 1972 Chartered by VGL as Lodge 916 and consecrated in Worms

4 Brethren over a cup of coffee discussed to open a regular lodge
25 Brethren agree to form a lodge in Worms

1971 Square and compass club
Jan - 4 brothers over a cup of coffee

April - First meeting Taukkunen barracks chapel 24 Masons attended
 May - Second meeting (cable tow commitment)
 May - third meeting with ACGL at Domschanke restaurant attended by 25 masons. Voted/approved to open lodge
 June - fund raiser attended by 47 masons & ladies
 June - Peter M. Rasmussen was chosen to be the name of lodge
 October 20 - picture of Peter M. Rasmussen unveiled
 1972 - 8 February Peter M. Rasmussen passing
 1972 - 25 March 1400 hours Peter M. Rasmussen Lodge 916 consecrated in Doschanke. Symbolic light brought to light by brethren of Zum Wiedererbauten Temple der Bruderliebe Lodge 135

25 march 1972 Elected and Appointed line

Worshipful Master Edward D. Martin
Senior Warden Gerald R. Dodd
Junior Warden John O. Lofton
Treasurer Earl C. Hicks
Secretary Richard E. Nielsen
Senior Deacon John W. Peterie
Junior Deacon Douglas H. Sowards
Senior Steward Louis M. Santelli
Junior Steward Richard A. Simmons
Chaplain Demery M. Austin
Marshal Joseph C. Reves
Tyler John E. Justice

Founder members

+EDWARD D. MARTIN WILLIAM D. DEBUSK GERALD R. DODD** WILLIAM E. SMITH, JR. +JOHN

O. LOFTON +NATHAN FRANK EARL C. HICKS EDWARD B.W. RIPPY +RICHARD E. NIELSON DAVID J. LUNSFORD JOHN W. PETERIE +WILLIAM R. WRIGHT DOUGLAS H. SOWARDS JOHN T. SIKORSKY LOUIS M. SANTELLI BILLY J. FLETCHER RICHARD A. SIMMONS +ERNEST W. RAABE DEMERY M. AUSTIN +ROBERT L. WALKER +JOSEPH C. REVES +ISADORE DORTCH +JOHN E. JUSTICE +JUILIAN W. EASLEY JOHN C. CASBEER CHARLES E. CHESTNUT WILLIAM M. HERNDERSON WALTER A. IRISH WILLIAM L. MAGNUS CALBIN H. GARNER BILLY M. H. JACKSON LELAND D. HOMES BURTON T. POOLE THOMAS H. LOCKETT JAY P. HOCHSTAIN** MORTON S. LINDNER (*Denotes: + Deceased **Active member*)

Charter members

HARRY J. RAMIREZ, JR., ARTHUR L. YORK, CLARENCE B. PATE, JR., CHARLES E. CAPE, MICHAEL R. WILKIE, JOHN W. SANDERFER, JR., LARRY L. SELLARS,

Past Masters

1972-1973 W.BRO. EDWARD D. MARTIN+

1973-1974 W.BRO. GERALD R. DODD

1974-1975 VW.BRO. JOHN O. LOFTON+

1975-1976 W.BRO. PETE ADCOX

1976-1977 W.BRO. RAYMOND
HANSON

1977-1978 W.BRO. WOODY
HARWELL+

1978-1980 W.BRO. WILLIAM
BESTPITCH

1980-1981 W.BRO. CHARLIE CAPE

1981-1982 W.BRO. TED O. MARKS+

1982-1983 W.BRO. DON WILCOX

1983-1984 W.BRO. CHARLES L.
HUNSUCKER (PGM)+

1984-1985 W.BRO. HENRY COLEMAN

1985-1986 W.BRO. ADAM KOVALSKI

1986-1988 W.BRO. ROBERT E.
YOUNG, JR.

1988-1989 W.BRO. RICHARD A.
BROWN

1989-1990 W.BRO. MANFRED
DIEFENBACH

1990-1992 VW.BRO. WARD R.
WILLIAMSON, II

1992-1993 VW.BRO. GABOR E.
ECSODI+

1993-1994 W.BRO. ANDREW SMITH+

1994-1995 W.BRO. GERALD
BURROUGHS+

1995-1996 W.BRO. K. ZANE
JOHNSTON

1996-2001 W.BRO. TERRY L.
ORMAND

2001-2002 W.BRO. RICHARD E.
PARKS

2002-2005 W.BRO. ROBERT E.
YOUNG, JR.

2005-2006 W.BRO. MATTHEW J.
BAKER

2006-2008 W.BRO. KEVIN WADE
CURRAN

2008-2010 W.BRO. ROBERT E.
YOUNG

2010-2011 W.BRO. RONALD W.
STRADLING

2011-2017 W.BRO. KOMLA C. EZO

2017-2018 MW.BRO. EDDIE M.
GUEVARA (PGM)

2018-2019 W. BRO. STANLEY L.
REAMS

Past Grand Masters of ACGL

Most Worshipful Brother Peter
M. Rasmussen Grand Master of
Masons 1962-1963

Most Worshipful Brother Charles L.
Hunsucker Grand Master of Masons
1989-1990

Most Worshipful Brother Eddie M.
Guevara Grand Master of Masons
2015-2016



**25 March 2019 47 years of
Freemasonry (Elected and
Appointed Officers Sep 2018)**

Elected officers

Worshipful Master

W Brother Stanley L Reams

**Senior Warden
Brother Luke Mason**

**Junior Warden
Brother Brady A Caulder**

**Treasurer
Brother Ruediger G. Glaser**

**Secretary
RW Brother Robert "Bob" Young
(PM)**

**Chaplin
W Brother Komla C. Ezo (PM)**

**Senior Deacon
Brother Stefanos Tsachtidis**

**Junior Deacon
W Brother Michael A Howson**

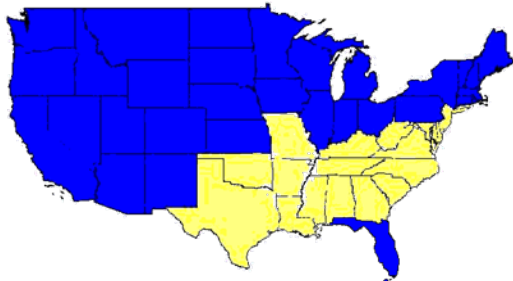
**Marshal
Brother Vivianos Adandogou**

**Senior Stewart
Brother Christian A. Koerk**

**Junior Stewart
VW Brother Ward R Williamson**

**Tyler
Brother Jannis Olf**

Lodge Members



**Larry J. Boyd
Richard P. Marshall
Bruce J. Hood
John M. Reever**

**Charles A. Hart
James Winston Cox
William F. Lowell
Thomas M. Sulton
Wilbur D. Beasley
Randy A. Holloway
Karl T. Ward
James D. Leigh
Clifford E. Cannon
Richard A. Brown
Joseph Goldberg
John A. Seek
Manfred Diefendbach
Andrejs Bedelis
Felix I. Flores
Walter E. Coffing
Frank P. Bajus
Dewey W. Morse
Jimmy A. Mcgrath
Wayne C. Toberman
Mark E. Matthews
Terry L. Ormand
Daniel M. Morrow
Deward B. Rice Jr.
Loyal J. Johnson
Thomas R. Wright
Thomas F. Kiefer
Michael Banda
Matthew J. Baker
Thomas E. Tierney
Gerald R. Dodd (FM)
Lawrence C. Young
Pedro M. Barrios
Troy Barton
Jerry M. Burns
Billy Joe Staffiles
Ronald W. Stradling**

Billy D. Neal
 John E. Ralston
 Leland E. Irvin
 Jimmy D. Hix
 Anthony D. Crump
 Daniel Moreno
 Nigel R. Fursdon
 Stephen S. Slyfield
 JW Hall
 John C. Cooper
 Darry C. Johnson
 Alfred A. White
 Richard R. Emmart
 Jay P. Hochstaine (FM)
 Angel L. Robles
 Jerome L. Ajaye
 Peter Lohr
 Michael Osswald
 David L. Stamm
 Karl Rick

Lodge Honorary Members

Valentin Schmitt +
 Hermann Hehlenbeck+
 Bert Anderson +
 Duncan Currie +
 William Denney
 Hans Frick +
 Billy C. Hayes (PGM)
 Charles Hummel
 Arthur Kile (PGM)
 William Lanham+
 Julius Lutz
 Jesse Miton (PGM)
 John Mitchel +
 Qwen Quell (PGM)
 Donald Rutherford
 Gerhard Severin (PGM)
 William Smith
 Dan Taylor
 Hugo Thomas (PGM) +
 Marlon Westenburg +
 Reihold Rissel
 Nate Johnson
 Bernd Detroy

Residence Members

Michael Osswald
 Lee Ajaye
 Robert E. Young
 Ruediger G. Glaser
 Peter Lohr
 Brady Caulder
 Stanley Reams
 Ward R. Williamson II
 Komla E. Ezo
 Vivianos Adandogous
 Luke Mason
 Darry C. Johnson
 Ronald W. Stradling
 Karl Rick
 Stefanos Tsachtidis
 Christian A. Koerk
 Stefanos Tsachtidis
 Jannis Olf

Written in Lodge Archive 46th Years
 Peter M. Rasmussen Lodge 916
 history also preserved the memory
 and incidents in its association in
 Freemasonry Tercentennial





1972 - Consecrated as Peter M. Rasmussen Lodge 916

1990 - Reduction in forces affected membership

2005 - Triangle Lodge 834 Mannheim merged into PMR 916

2011 - 2017 - WB Ezo became the longest serving Master (6 years consecutively)

2017 - Celebrated and remembered Freemasonry 300 years

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

It is not what we eat, but what we digest, that makes us strong.

It is not what we earn, but what we save, that makes us rich.

It is not what we read, but what we remember, that makes us learned.

It is not what we profess, but what we practice, that makes us Masons!

By: MW Brother Peter M. Rasmussen

From Worshipful Master Stanley Reams to Elected and Appointed Officers and all Brethren

Let us pause and evaluate this Masonic year. Let us be thankful for the good things which we have been able to enjoy. And let each of us thank God for our fraternity and its tenets of Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth. As we look forward may we plan each day for the best.

Let us make this our Philosophy:

This is the beginning of a new day. God has given us this day to use as we will. We can waste it or use it for good. When tomorrow comes this day is gone forever, left in its place is something we have traded for it. Let us work together to insure gain, not loss: Good, not evil; success, not failure; in order that we shall not regret the price we paid for it.

May the blessings of the Grand Architect of the Universe be with you and your families, and our Lodge!

Fraternally and sincerely,

THE ALL SEEING EYE



**We hear from our
Members/Contributors
(Communication - the
brotherly connection - is the
key to our Lodge success)**

Notes: From January to April 2019

Brother Alfred A. White (Ozark, AL)
MW, RW, VW, Worshipful Master, Bro All.
I send Brotherly greeting and greet you
all well. It is the day before Christmas and
I was thinking how great the meetings
were in the old Lodge.

I know this note will arrive after the
Holidays. So I hope all the Brethren had
a great holiday season.

I am sending my 2019 and 2020 due
and a small donation to the Lodge.

I do not use email or my computer,
just getting to old to mess with them.
Thank you and best to all and our Lodge.
Brother Alfred A. White

Brother Mark Matthews (Clarksville TN)
Happy New Year from the Matthew's
family.
Brother Mark

Brother Daniel M. Morrow (Radcliff KY)
Most Worshipful Master:
Brother Senior Warden, Brother Junior
Warden, RW Brother Secretary, and all
the esteemed Brethren of PMR 916
AF & AM.

Congratulations to our newly appointed
Master of PMR 916 !

And a heartfelt "Thank you" to MW Brother
Eddie M. Guevara for his service to the
Lodge and the institution of the
bimonthly "Trestle Board" your newsletters
are a welcomed addition and a source
of information I relished every other
month. I must admit to you that I'm
saddened by the fact that it has been
thirty-one years (31 yep !) since I was
seated in the Grand Temple of Triangle
Lodge # 834. And regret that I never
had the opportunity to spend time
with my current home Lodge of PMR 916.

I was fortunate to attend two degree
sessions there and can still picture
the tranquil city of Worms in my memory.
The dispensation and final demise of
Triangle # 834 was a shock to me,
yet the information and subsequent
flow of activities and correspondence
from PMR has been well above anything
received previously from 834; for that
I'm extremely grateful to all involved
with the "Trestle Board" and hope that
you continue to grace us with it's
continued publication. Now that I have
finally retired from the workforce, I'm
stable here in Kentucky and have had
the opportunity to attend several of the
local Lodges in and around the Ft. Knox
area. And although they'll never hold my
admiration such as 834 and my actual
"Home Lodge of 916", they do provide
some solice in which to quench my
thirst for Masonic fellowship. Another
reason to hail the newsletter. To all of
those at PMR 916, I wish you Fraternal
Greetings and Well-being during this
holiday season, and all the best this
New Year has to offer.. RW Brother
Secretary; please find my dues enclosed
for 2019, and the remainder; please
apply to a worthy cause.
Thank you again for all you do....
Sincerely and Fraternaly
Bro. Daniel M. Morrow

Brother Richard P. Marshall (Macon GA)
Dear WM Brother Stanley Reams,
RW Brother Bob Young, MW Brother
Eddie M Guevara and all the my Brothers
in PMR 916, ACGL. I regret taking so
long to your great kindness honouring me.
GOD had need to try me near the junction
of the two years 2017 and 2018. I had
three accidents that carried longer than I
thought was necessary, re-injuring
previous injuries. As I appeared to be
recovering from the first, another
accident reinsured another previous
injury. This happened 3 or 4 times and
my physical abilities tanked out. I am
still getting back in active shape. I am
blessed to know PMR 916 is doing well.
Brother Richard P. Marshall
Brother John Seek (Redmond WA)

Brother Robert, My apologies but I have misplaced the address for sending mail to the Lodge, could you be so kind as to remind me please. I would like to pay my dues for 2019.
John

Reply to Brother John and any Brother that is in need of info on paying Lodge Dues.

**2019 Dues are \$75.00
pay to the order of PMR 916
Mailing address is:**

**PETER M RASMUSSEN
LODGE 916
POSTFACH 1932
67509 WORMS
GERMANY**

Brother JW Hall (Murry KY)
I hope this is the correct amount indicated for the 2019 Dues. \$75.00 and \$25.00 to charity. Fraternally & Brotherly Greetings to all.
JW Hall

Brother Jimmy Hix (Fort Worth TX)
My Brothers in Worms
All is well in Texas. We miss you and hope to visit you next year. Enclosed are my dues for 2019. I apologize for being late. God bless you all.
Jimmy Hix

Brother Troy Barton (Moline IL)
Hello to all and wish everyone a Happy New Year. Enclosed are my 2019 dues, anything left please decide among all present to place it where you need it most.
Sincerely
Troy Barton

Brother David Stamm (New Market AL)
Brothers Greetings
Hope my letter finds everyone in good health & spirits. Please find my dues for 2019 along with \$25.00 dollars to be used as needed by the Lodge.
Sorry for the lateness.
Brother David Stamm

FOUNDER MEMBER
W Brother Jerry Dodd (Littleton CO)
Brothers I apologize for paying late. My dues are enclosed along with a donation to our charity fund.
On a better note I really appreciate the enhanced communications from the Lodge. The updates keep me and I'm sure all the Brothers not in Germany in contact. Keep it up please. As an aside, I'm not as active in Masonry as I once was. I have resigned from one of the four treasurers positions I had. My local lodge merged with another and it is very inconvenient for me to attend. I now use a walker and the lodge building doesn't have an elevator or chair lift. The lodge building in which my York Rite bodies meet does have a chair lift so I attend their meetings twice a month. I am still attending my National Sojourners meeting as they meet in a cafeteria buffet.
Fraternally yours,
Gerald (Jerry) Dodd, PM

The Annual Communication of the ACGL

The immediate PGM MW Brother Juan Goyita reported that our Grand Body is doing great heading in the right direction. The Annual reports of the Grand Treasurer MW Brother Paul Curran and Grand Secretary RW Brother John Abernathy were well received.
The new Grand Line elected on 5 April 2019 and installed 6 April 2019 are

Grand Master: Most Worshipful Brother Jan Savarino
Deputy Grand Master: Right Worshipful Brother Daniel Japlin
Senior Grand Warden: Right Worshipful Brother Luis Baez
Junior Grand Warden: Right Worshipful Brother Thomas Litz
Grand Treasurer: Right Worshipful Brother Tarik Eker (elected for two years)
Grand Secretary: Right Worshipful Brother John Abernathy

Our Lodge was represented by our Worshipful Master Brother Stanley L

Reams, RW Brother Bob Young, VW Brother Ward Williamson, and W Brother Kamla C Ezo.

Our Lodge will elect our new line to govern our Lodge next month in June. And the Brother Secretary has already sent out our Lodge summons for the June elections.



The Officers and Members join with me in extending Greetings on your Masonic Birthday

MARCH 2019

43 Years
Brother Jerry M Burns March 31, 1976

39 Years
RW Brother Robert E Young March 26, 1980

36 Years
Brother Alfred A White March 15, 1983

34 Years
Brother Jimmy A. McGrath March 20, 1985

31 Years
W Bro Manfred Diefenbach March 23, 1988

12 Years
Brother Vivianos Adandogou March 21, 2007

1 Year
Brother Stefanos Tashtidis March 24, 2018

APRIL 2019

49 Years
Brother Wilbur D. Beasley April 7, 1970

42 Years
Brother Richard P. Marshall April 21, 1978

34 Years
Brother John A Seek April 23, 1985

32 Years
Brother Angel L Robles April 15, 1987

14 Years
W Brother Michael Howson April 12, 2005

11 Years
W Brother Stanley L Reams April 16, 2008

5 Years
Brother Jerome L Ajaye April 2, 2014

2 Years
Brother Brady A Caulder April 5, 2017
Brother Luke Mason April 5, 2017

MAY 2019

44 Years
Brother Billy D Neal May 15, 1975
VW Brother Ward R Williamson May 21, 1975

39 Years
Brother Clifford E Cannon May 27, 1980

37 Years
Brother Pedro M Barrios May 25, 1982

32 Years
Brother Charles A Hart May 26, 1987

14 Years
Brother Felix I Flores May 18, 2005



MARCH Birthdays

Brother James Winston Cox March 4, 1977
Brother William F Lowell March 5, 1950
Brother Thomas M Sulton March 10, 1966

APRIL Birthdays

Brother Wilbur D Beasley April 1, 1935
 Brother Randy A Holloway April 14, 1950
 Brother Brady A Caulder April 26, 1981
 Brother Karl T Ward April 29, 1932

MAY Birthdays

Brother James D Leigh May 1, 1943
 Brother Clifford E Cannon May 2, 1942
 W Brother Richard A Brown May 4, 1949
 Brother Joseph Goldberg May 6, 1953
 Brother John A Seek May 7, 1962
 W Brother Manfred Diefenbach May 11, 1941
 Brother Jannis Olf May 11, 1991
 W Brother Peter Lohr May 12, 1941
 Brother Stefanos Taschidis May 13, 1975
 Brother Andrejs Bedelis May 18, 1935
 Brother Felix I Flores May 18, 1968
 Brother Karl Rick May 19, 1947
 Brother Ruediger G Glaser May 23, 1974
 Brother Walter E Coffing May 30, 1943
 Brother Frank P Bajus May 30, 1967
 VW Brother Ward R Williamson May 31 1953
 Brother Dewey W Morse May 31 1947



I AM THE BIBLE

Just use me – I am the Bible.
 I am God's wonderful library.
 I am always – and above all – the Truth.
 To the weary, I am the good strong staff.
 To the one who sits in gloom, I am the light.
 To those who stoop beneath heavy burdens,
 I am sweet rest.
 To him who has lost his way, I am a safe guide
 To those who have been hurt by sin,
 I am healing balm.
 To the discouraged I whisper glad messages
 of hope.
 To those who are distressed by the storms of
 life, I am an anchor.
 To those who suffer in lonely solitude, I am a
 cool, soft hand resting on a fevered brow.
 O, child of man, to best defend me, just use me



Brotherly greetings from Worms,

We welcome all sojourner Regular
 Mason into our Lodge as your lodge
 home away from home.

We look forward to your visit.

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 Lodge Secretary RW Brother Bob Young
 E-Mail Lodge Secretary:
youngroberte@aol.com

We hope you enjoy your Newsletter and
 we look forward to hearing from you!



The Trestle Board is the official
 Newsletter promoting the projects,
 events, and members of Peter M.
 Rasmussen Lodge 916 AF & AM. It is
 circulated to its members and ACGL.