

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

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September 2019

From the East  
W Brother Stanley L. Reams

**Fraternal Greetings, Brethren:**

**Its June and I just looked around the room and realized that a whole year has passed by and I felt as if I just took the office as the newly elected Worshipful Master.**

**Well I decided - right then and there that if it is the will and pleasure of the Lodge I would run for the Masters chair another year. So right after the Roll Call I opened the elections and request Very Worshipful Brother Ward Williamson chair the East and request the nominations for Master for the ensuing Masonic year. And Brother Christian Koerk nominated me the Worshipful Master. I promptly replied I would and I could. And in that there were no other nominations I was Elected Master for the coming year.**

**I am honoured and proud to have the privilege to once again serve my Brothers as the Worshipful Master of our Peter M Rasmussen Lodge. And I look forward to all the challenges that come with the duties of being the Master of our Lodge.**

**Congratulations to our newly elected officers.**

**Master elect: WM Brother Stanley Reams**

**SW elect: Brother Luke Mason**

**JW elect: Brother Brady Caulder**

**Secretary elect: RW Brother Bob Young**

**Treasurer elect: Brother Rudiger Glaser**

**September Installation of the newly Elected Officers will be in our Lodge Hall in Worms.**

**And the invitations were already sent out.**

**During the month of June we look forward to the summer months and during the month of July our Lodge is “dark” to let the brothers and sisters share this warm season with their family and friends.**

**Also during the month of June we take the time to celebrate and remember Flag Day and the greatness that come with the memories of Father Day.**

**As Masons we honour our Flag and all the history and activities of Flag Day. And observe the many parades, ceremonies and events that sponsor the remembrance of preserving and honouring our nations symbol, Old Glory.**

**And may we not forget Fathers Day for that day is also in the month of June. Where we take the time to recognize the contributions that fathers make to the lives of their children. Its that great opportunity to appreciate the love and efforts of fathers. And the role of our fathers and forefathers.**

**H A P P Y F A T H E R S D A Y**

**In that our Lodge is “dark” during July may we reflect upon Independence Day, and the Commemorating of the Declaration of Independence, the 4th of July 1776. May we thank our heavenly father the Great Architect - for all the freedoms we enjoy.**

**Thank you Brothers, for your attention, and on the behalf of our elected and appointed officers, please enjoy the summer holidays.**

**Fraternally  
Worshipful Brother Stanley Reams**

**DUES - The 2020 dues card will be available starting 9 November 2019.  
Lodge annual dues are \$75.00 for 2019 and 2020. The Lodge mailing address is as follows:**

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

**Pay to the order of PMR 916**

**Please pay by personal check, Certified Check, or Postal Money Order.**



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

Notes: From May to September 2019

Brother Stephen Slyfield  
(Williamsburg VA) Wow!  
Reference the Last TrestleBoard  
What a comprehensive historical  
document!  
Great job!  
Sly  
Brother Stephen Slyfield  
LTC(R), USA

FOUNDER MEMBER  
W Brother Jerry Dodd (Littleton CO)  
Brothers,  
The last Trestle Board was great.  
I really enjoy the communications  
from PMR. By the way the difference  
in Founding and Charter Members  
is a mere \$50.00 which was a lot

more difficult to come by then than now. I had to forgo quite a few trips to the Officers Club after work to raise the funds. It was worth it! The trip from the barracks to the housing area was less than five miles. However, I could get home in about the same time if I stopped at the O Club for a beer as if I drove directly home due to the horrible traffic.

The first days of forming the Lodge were eventful. When we first contacted the ACGL the Grand Sectary told us to forget it. He said forming a lodge was too difficult and that we had a Lodge just down the road in Mannheim. We knew that several of us had been attending. However, the fog along the Rhine sometimes was horrible. One evening it took us three hours to drive home. We took turns walking in front of the car with a flashlight. No autobahns between Mannheim and Worms then. This was the impetus for a local lodge. When we completed the requirement the ACGL laid down for a lodge in a short time (only 6 months) the Grand Master was well pleased, but the Grand Secretary made us check the list thrice. The generosity of many Masons at our Pot Lick/White Elephant sales was amazing. Many ladies also were a great help. My wife sewed the first altar and station cloths. She still considers PMR as her Lodge. As we were completing our preparation work above the Domschank Gasthaus one evening we were practicing the second degree. A waitress used the back stairs and came into the area we were using as a Lodge room. She let out a yell and dashed back downstairs and quit, saying we were doing devil work. The owner wasn't very pleased. That was when we decided to move to the place run by a retired sargent (who later became our Secretary). He didn't charge us rent, but required that at least some of us ate something after the meeting. I guess I'm getting forgetful, but I can't remember the name of my brother or of his Gasthaus. (William D. Popple).

At one of our meetings we decided to use the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts ritual at the insistence of William Smith, who maintained that it was the oldest ritual in the US. Two of us had been members of that Grand Lodge. (I was initiated in Panama which was a District of that Grand Lodge.) However, we had only one ritual. I wrote to my lodge and procured a few. It was a two letter key. We sometimes got into a discussion about a word was it this or that. I would write to the secretary of my lodge referencing the page, line and word asking what it was. In a few weeks I would get a postcard with one word written on it. Much fun. I hope these rambling aren't too boring or repetitive. Fraternally yours,

JERRY

AS LONG AS THERE ARE TESTS,

THERE WILL BE PRAYER IN SCHOOL.  
Gerald (Jerry) Dodd, PM

Brother Anthony Crump (Kathleen GA)  
(PMR got a Failed Mail sending me the Newsletter)  
(So PMR sent it to my work email)  
Brother Bob,"  
It has been over a year since I accessed my Yahoo account.  
All the emails have been erased by Yahoo.

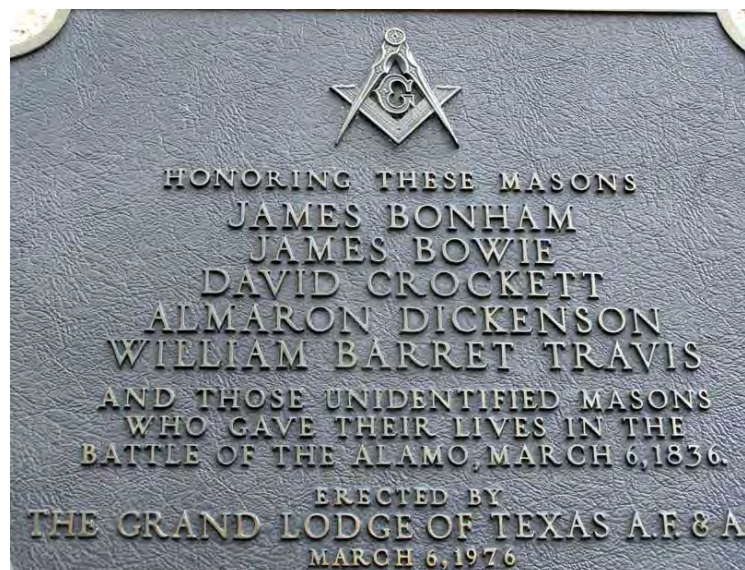
Sorry about that.  
But you can always get me at:  
[anthony.crump@us.af.mil](mailto:anthony.crump@us.af.mil)  
Thanks,  
Andy

Brother Anthony D Crump (Kathleen GA)  
Brother Secretary, Sorry for being late with my dues. Sent an extra \$25.00 for charity. Hope all is well with the and my Brothers.  
Fraternally,  
Anthony D Crump

Brother Thomas F Kiefer (Orlando FL)  
Dear Brother Secretary, Please post my 2020 Dues & Send me a card when they

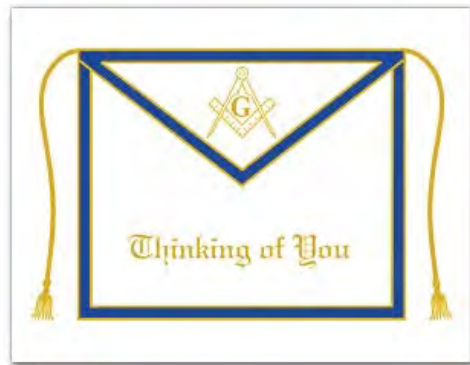
are ready. Thank You.  
Tom Kiefer

W Brother Terry Ormand  
(Lawrenceville GA)  
I Went to San Antonio TX for work.  
So I visited the Alamo respect to our fellow Masonic Brethren.  
Terry





Brother Richard Marshall (Macon GA)  
 to PMR 916 Brothers, officers and WM.  
 I am praying You are all body and spirit  
 in good health! I am still working or  
 having work done on my house.  
 The same address, no change, home  
 or email but no checks. I also am  
 praying that Lodge PMR 916 is  
 good and growing.  
**GOD Bless**  
 Richard



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

Brother Ruediger Glaser  
 (Biblis Nordheim de)  
 PMR 916 sent Resident Brother  
 Ruediger Glaser a Happy Birthday  
 email on  
 the occasion of his 45th Birthday.  
 Brother Ruediger's email reply said  
 "Thank you so much Brother's".  
 With the help of my family I had a  
 great day.  
 See the picture of my 2 sons.



Fraternally,  
 Ruediger Georg Glaser

JUNE 2019



50 Years  
 Brother Karl T Ward June 16, 1969

43 Years  
 Brother Deward B Rice June 22, 1976

41 Years  
 Brother William F Lowell June 28, 1978

32 Years  
 Brother David L Stamm June 29, 1987



30 Years  
Brother James D Leigh June 20, 1989

13 Years  
W Brother Ronald W Stradling June 21, 2006

13 Years  
Brother Ruediger G Glaser June 21, 2006

### JULY 2019



25 Years  
Brother Jimmy D Hix July 19, 1994



5 Years  
Brother Bryan M Tolliver July 24, 2014

### AUGUST 2019



PLUS  
52 Years  
Brother Thomas F Kiefer August 15, 1967



40 Years  
Brother Larry J Boyd August 28, 1979

38 Years  
Brother John E Ralston August 26, 1981

34 Years  
Brother Stephen S Slyfield August 14, 1985

26 Years  
Brother Anthony D Crump August 18, 1993

1 Year  
Brother Christian A Koerk August 1, 2018

### SEPTEMBER 2019

38 Years  
Brother Joseph Goldberg September 22, 1981

36 Years  
Brother Michael Banda September 7, 1983

33 Years  
Brother Wayne C Toberman Sept 11, 1986

18 Years  
Brother Darry C Johnson Sept 17, 1991

15 Years  
W Brother Kamla C Ezo Sept 15, 2004

1 Year  
Brother Jannis Olf September 15, 2018



### JUNE Birthdays

Brother Jimmy A McGrath June 12, 1952  
Brother Charles H Beard June 13, 1964  
WBrother Michael A Howson June 25, 1966  
WBrother Kamla C Ezo June 30, 1970  
Brother Wyane C Toberman June 30, 1955

### JULY Birthdays

Brother Mark E Matthews July 6, 1972  
WBrother Terry L Ormand July 6, 1961  
Brother Daniel M Morrow July 22, 1955  
Brother Christian A Koerk July 27, 1982  
Brother David L Stamm July 31, 1955

### AUGUST Birthdays

Brother Deward B Rice August 15, 1944  
Brother Loyal L Johnson August 18, 1931  
Brother Thomas R Wright August 23, 1939  
Brother Thomas F Kiefer August 27, 1938  
Brother Michael Banda August 28, 1959

### SEPTEMBER Birthdays

VWBro Thomas C Hill September 1, 1969  
WBro Matthew J Baker September 2, 1969  
W Bro Gerald R Dodd September 4, 1937  
Bro Thomas E Tierney September 4, 1940  
Bro Lawrence C Young September 5, 1946  
Bro Pedro M Barrios September 6, 1945  
Bro Troy A Barton September 10, 1964  
Bro Jerry M Burns September 11, 1936  
Bro BillyJoe Staffiles September 23, 1980  
WBro Ronald W Stradling Sept 24, 1970  
Bro Billy D Neal September 25, 1945  
Bro John E Ralston September 27, 1944  
Bro Luke Mason September 29, 1987

### My Masters Report

Brethren of Peter M Rasmussen Lodge 916  
Dear Brethren

Brothers all thank you to each and every Brother that has made this year special for the Lodge Officers in PMR. Your courtesies and fellowship were appreciated. Keep up the excellent work you are all doing, your pride in doing good Masonic work shows.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all our Brothers for their support to me as WM and for your hard work for our Lodge so that PMR 916 could stand and move forward. My thank you goes also to the surrounding Lodges especially Galilee Lodge 810a of Kaiserslautern, which came out to support us during the course of this Masonic year.

Several of the Lodge officers attended the Grand Lodge's Annual Stated Communication in Bad Kissingen, Germany April, 2019. I was there with our lodge Secretary RW. Brother Bob Young who also supported me during this annual Communication. During this communication we had the opportunity to meet and have fellowship with brethren from many different ACGL Lodges.

I would also like to thank our new DDGM. VW Brother Burcin Ugurlu. Brother Burcin has been a great support to us and we look forward to his continued guidance as we move forward.

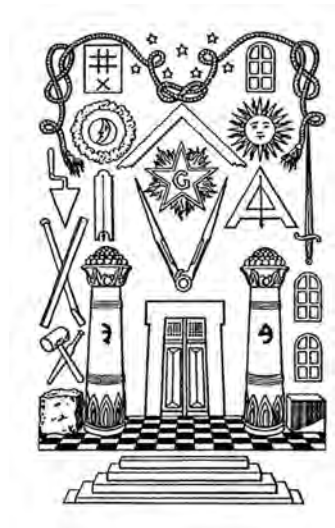
Many special events held this year, including our Lodge Christmas Dinner with a musical program from the local German Youth Music School in Worms. Our Trestle Board was also made to inform our Brothers about our activities in PMR.

PMR 916 makes charity contributions to:  
The Worms DRK Senior Citizens Home  
The Worms German Youth Music School  
The Transatlantic Scouts of America  
ACGL PMR Charity Fund  
The Skoglund Fund  
And the Demolay Fund

Brethren, as you can see, PMR Lodge No. 916, is doing its best and moving forward. Our Lodge continues to do excellent work and we strive to achievement full competency in the performance of ACGL Rituals.

I would like to thank all Brothers of PMR for their dedication to our Lodge and performing good work for our members.

Fraternally and Sincerely,  
Stanley L Reams  
Master



Your Elected and Appointed  
Officers for Masonic Year  
2019/2020

ARE AS FOLLOWS

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) & HJGW

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



An extract from  
Ancient Craft Masonry

#### THE HOUR - GLASS

The hour glass is an emblem of human life. Behold how swiftly the sand runs and how rapidly our lives are drawing to a close ! We cannot without astonishment behold the little particles in the devise; how they pass away almost imperceptibly, and yet, to our surprise, in the short space of an hour they are all exhausted. Thus wastes man ! Today, he puts forth the tender leaves of hope; tomorrow, blossoms, and bears his honors; the next day comes a frost which nips the shoot; and when he thinks his greatness is still aspiring; he falls, like autumn leaves, to enrich our mother earth.



If you have an interest in joining the Freemasons and would like more information, please contact Robert Young below and we will be delighted to arrange for someone to contact you for a no obligation, informal chat or email.

Kontakt/Contact:  
Robert Young  
Richard Stumm Str 40  
67549 Worms

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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Durer Strasse 10-12, 67549 Worms

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Lodge Secretary RW Brother Bob Young  
E-Mail Lodge Secretary:  
[youngroberte@aol.com](mailto: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.