

PETER M. RASMUSSEN LODGE 916



AF & AM TRESTLE BOARD NOVEMBER – DECEMBER- 2020

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR



**My dear brothers and sisters –
The beginning of the Holiday Seasons have already begun,
and Thanksgiving Day celebrating the harvest, and all the
other great blessings of the past year – with hopes yours was
festive and full of thankfulness.
I bring you Christmas Greetings and Fraternal Best Wishes
for the New Year.**

God bless you all.

Worshipful Brother Michael Howson



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

A thank you to the Worshipful Master and Brothers of Alt Heidelberg – Fidelitas 821 for the picture on their visit to the gravesite of our name sake Most Worshipful Brother Peter M. Rasmussen on All Saints Day.



LODGE BIRTHDAYS

MONTH OF NOVEMBER

Nigel R. Fursdon	November 10, 1959
Stephen S. Slyfield	November 15, 1953
JW Hall	November 15, 1942
Darry C. Johnson	November 17, 1963
John F. Cooper	November 17, 1948
Jerome L. Ajaye	November 21, 1962

MONTH OF DECEMBER

Koffitse V. Adandogou	December 2, 1966
Alfred A. White	December 10, 1939
Jay P. Hochstaine	December 27, 1940
Richard R. Emmart	December 27, 1946
Angel L. Robles	December 31, 1930

MASONIC BIRTHDAYS

**The Officers and Members join with me in extending Greetings on your Masonic Birthday.
Date Raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason**

MONTH OF NOVEMBER

Leland E. Irvin	November 28, 1960
Thomas R. Wright	November 2, 1967
Jay P. Hochstaine	November 25, 1967
Randy A. Holloway	November 23, 1976
Daniel Moreno	November 25, 1986
TerryL. Ormand	November 15, 1994
Charsten Wienbreyer	November 18, 1998
Troy Barton	November 6, 2002
James Winston Cox	November 4, 2009

MONTH OF DECEMBER

Peter Lohr	December 4, 1980
Walter E. Coffing	December 23, 1980
Billy J. Stafflies	December 1, 2001

MASONIC EDUCATION

The Forget-Me-Not (Das Vergissmeinnicht) The Story Behind This Beloved Emblem Of The Craft in Germany In Early 1934, soon after Hitler's rise to power, it became evident that Freemasonry was in danger. In that same year, the "Grand Lodge of the Sun" (one of the pre-war German Grand Lodges, located in Bayreuth) realizing the grave dangers involved, adopted the little blue Forget-Me-Not flower as a substitute for the traditional square and compasses. It was felt the flower would provide brethren with an outward means of identification while lessening the risk of possible recognition in public by the Nazis, who were engaged in wholesale confiscation of all Masonic Lodge properties. Freemasonry went undercover, and this delicate flower assumed its role as a symbol of Masonry surviving throughout the reign of darkness.

During the ensuing decade of Nazi power a little blue Forget-Me-Not flower worn in a Brother's lapel served as one method whereby brethren could identify each other in public, and in cities and concentration camps throughout Europe. The Forget-Me-Not distinguished the lapels of countless brethren who staunchly refused to allow the symbolic Light of Masonry to be completely extinguished.

When the 'Grand Lodge of the Sun' was reopened in Bayreuth in 1947, by Past Grand Master Beyer, a little pin in the shape of a Forget-Me-Not was officially adopted as the emblem of that first annual convention of the brethren who had survived the bitter years of semi-darkness to rekindle the Masonic Light.

At the first Annual Convent of the new United Grand Lodge of Germany AF&AM (VGLvD), in 1948, the pin was adopted as an official Masonic emblem in honor of the thousands of valiant Brethren who carried on their masonic work under adverse conditions. The following year, each delegate to the Conference of Grand Masters in Washington, D.C., received one from Dr. Theodor Vogel, Grand Master of the VGLvD.

Thus, did a simple flower blossom forth into a symbol of the fraternity, and become perhaps the most widely worn emblem among Freemasons in Germany; a pin presented ceremoniously to newly-made Masons in most of the Lodges of the American-Canadian Grand Lodge, AF&AM within the United Grand Lodges of Germany. In the years since adoption, its significance world-wide has been attested to by the tens of thousands of brethren who now display it with meaningful pride.

Presentation by the

American-Canadian Grand Lodge, AF&AM within the United Grand Lodges of Germany

Sickness

Brother Thomas Wright (Colorado Springs Co) we are waiting to hear if he has recovered from his illness.

Brother Billy Neal (Navarre Fl) we are waiting to be informed of the results of his heart surgery.

Brother Stefanos Tsachtidis is in the Koblenz hospital waiting for an operation on his back.

We wish all the Brethren good health and a a safe recovery from their ills.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to you and yours.

WBro Mike

Relief

The Lodge has given the following donations

300 Euro to the Demolay
100 Euro to the ACGL Charity Fund
120 Dollars to the Skoglund Fund

If any Brother wishes to know more about the donations listed or wishes to suggest a donation, then please do not hesitate to contact us.

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