

PETER M. RASMUSSEN LODGE 916  
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**TRESTLE BOARD**

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**From the East**  
**MW Brother Eddie M. Guevara (PGM/PM)**  
**Master**

My dear Brethren ...

This month of June, even as we prepare to go from labor to refreshment for the summer months when our Lodges will be “dark,” in July, we really are at the height of Masonic activity. Our officers are experiencing a renewed surge of energy, enthusiasm and attendance; and as we recently elected our new officers and in due time install in their respective stations and places for the ensuing years starting 15 September.

Congratulations are in order to the following newly elected Officers:  
Master Elect: Brother Stanley Reams  
SW Elect: Brother Luke Mason  
JW Elect: Brother Stanley Caulder  
Secretary Elect: RW Brother Bob Young  
Treasurer Elect: Brother Rudiger Glaser

Lodge Open Installation of newly elected line will be in our Lodge Hall in Worms. (*Open Installation to Brother Masons, family, friends and guests*).

June found a pause in our labors to celebrate FLAG DAY, FATHER’S DAY, and then the **FOURTH OF JULY**. As Masons we have a well-established tradition of looking back to reflect on the great lessons of history as we lay our plans on the Trestle Board of Life. Therefore my Brothers, we should reflect on the deeper meanings of these very special holidays. We should give thanks and express appreciation for all that is good in our Nation and the incidents assisted free nations. We should give thanks to the Great Architect for the opportunities and freedoms we enjoy. We should give thanks for our Families and our Fathers. And we should always proudly display our Flag and salute the patriots and military who fought for our independence and have given of themselves so unselfishly to protect those freedoms down through the years since 1776.

*Take time out and communicate with our Secretary if you have yet to receive your 2018 membership card and or your status.*

*Membership in Freemasonry is not about joining a fraternity; and it is not about how long one has been such a member. It is about being in good standing because one’s dues are paid. Membership is the living proof that a Mason exhibits each day to this family, his lodge, his community, and his world, that he is a Mason in good standing. The marks of membership are easy to see. They are what really makes a man a Mason. Visit any regular lodge with your current 2018 membership Card! Do you have your 2018 membership card?*

*On behalf of my wife Christa and I, and on behalf entire elected and appointed line, we extend our warmest wishes for safe holidays and an enjoyable, healthy and productive summer.*



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

**Brother Billy Neal (Navarre Florida):** RW Brother Bob, please extend my fraternal greetings to WM (MW Brother) and all my brothers of PMR Lodge. Please forgive the oversight on my part for not submitting my 2018 lodge dues in a timely manner. I cannot say that I will try to do better in the future. I had a computer virus several months ago and the local techs were "not" able to recover all my email messages. Additionally, this year, I do not recall receiving a "snail mail remainder" or any lodge correspondence but I am not using that as an excuse. There is no excuse other than sometimes I forget things. Please find a check enclosed covering my lodge dues for both 2018 and 2019.

**RW Brother Tom, Dilmun Lodge 1069:** Our collection has been added to by Peter M. Rasmussen Lodge 916 to the sum of Euros 200. This gives us a grand total of £2040. MW PGM Bro Eddie M. Guevara our heartfelt thanks for the contribution, please at you next meeting please thank the brothers on our behalf. I am sure the McMillan Nurses and Bro Fred's daughter will be delighted by this generous contribution. On behalf of Dilmun Lodge to each and every lodge who have come on board, my personal heartfelt thanks to all.

**Mr. Gunter Pfisterer, Director Animal Shelter Ansbach:** Mr. Eddie Guevara and Freimaurer Peter M. Rasmussen Lodge 916, please to my heartfelt gratitude for your generous donation made to needed caring for animals (dogs and cats in particular) Tierheim Ansbach. Thank you.

**Worshipful Brother Ken Rouse, Master Alt Heidelberg/Fidelitas 821:** Hi MW Bro Eddie M. Guevara, I just wanted to take a short moment to thank you and members of your Lodge once again for your kind assistance and brotherly support of Alt Heidelberg Fidelitas Lodge and yesterday evening's Fellow Craft Degree. We deeply appreciate your driving all that distance through what has become the "Ewige Baustelle" on the A-6 and your unmatched presentation of the Middle Chamber Lecture and the Charge. I sincerely doubt that anyone in the ACGL will ever be able to top it. I am glad also that you and brethren were able to stay and partake of Bro Rudi's delicious Collation meal and to chat with Gerhard and I, and looking forward to seeing you the next time.

**RW Brother Larry Painter:** MW Brother Eddie M. Guevara, I extend my congratulation to the newly elected and appointed line for the 2018/2019 Masonic year of PMR. My apologies for not being in attendance to personally congratulate each. If I can ever be of any assistance for any of you just give me a shout.

**Brother Billy C. Vaughn (Silver Spring, Maryland):** MW Brother Eddie and RW Brother Bob, I am extremely pleased with our Lodge tidings coming from our PMR Trestle Board. Keep up the great work making a difference to Brotherhood. Thank you for remaining me my obligation to which you will fine and some for charity.

**Brother Frank Cook (Anacoco, Louisiana)** RW Brother Bob, I am extremely pleased with our Lodge tidings coming from our PMR Trestle Board. Keep up the great work making a difference to Brotherhood. Much appreciated remaining me my obligations. Thank you!

**Brother William Lowell (Livingston, Texas):** MW Brother Eddie and RW Brother Bob, I am extremely pleased with our Lodge tidings coming from our PMR Trestle Board. Keep up the great work making a difference to Brotherhood. Thank you for remaining me my obligation to which you will fine for 2018 and 2019 and some for charity.

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### Lodge Calendar

#### July

#### Lodge is Dark!

4 July: Independence Day

#### August

1 Aug: Stated Meeting/MM Degree  
Lodge of Instructions – Lodge Installation of new Officers

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#### July Birthdays

- 2 July RW Brother Larry Painter
- 6 July Brother Mark E. Matthews
- 6 July W Brother Terry L. Ormand (PM)
- 22 July Brother Daniel M. Morrow

#### August Birthdays

- 15 August Brother Deward B. Rice Jr.
  - 18 August Brother Loyal J. Johnson
  - 23 August Brother Thomas R. Wright
  - 27 August Brother Thomas F. Kiefer
  - 28 August Brother Michael Banda
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#### Our Community

Behind the seen work done to help, aid and assist victims during disaster relief due to unforeseen disasters (flooding, tornados, hurricanes, mudslides, earthquakes) in G/ermany, USA and other countries. Thank you for all that you do for your community and society making a difference.

Industrious Beehive award awarded to Brother Brady Caulder and Brother Luke Mason making a difference for work done in our Lodge.



**Freemasonry 300th Years Tricentennial Masonic Coin remains and continues to be the most sought after gift by Masons. If you interested in ordering email Secretary and or Worshipful Master.**

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## What Does Freemasonry Stand For?

Giving Freely of Yourself and Asking Nothing in Return

Of all of the cardinal virtues, none is more valued in Masonry than selfless giving. Examples of Masonic charity are legion.

Nationally, Masons contribute nearly \$2 million every day to relieve suffering and for the enrichment of mankind. Masons are founding sponsors of the Shriners Burns

Institutes and the Shriners Hospitals for Crippled Children, both of which offer their services free of charge.

Masons are also responsible for the Scottish Rite Museum of our National Heritage, the Masonic Retirement Home in Charlton, The Knights' Templar Eye Foundation, and Schizophrenia Research programs; in addition to supporting such programs as Drug Abuse Resistance Education (DARE), DeMolay for Boys, Rainbow for Girls, and hundreds of other programs nationally and locally.

The satisfaction derived from these endeavors cannot be measured in ordinary terms. We will say, however, that it is in helping others that man most helps himself.

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

**July 2018**

**32 Years**

**RW Brother Larry Painter July 10, 1986**

**24 Years**

**Brother Jimmy D. Hick July 19, 1994**





**Brother Frank Q. Cook Jr July 16, 1968**

## **August 2018**

**22 Years**  
**MW Brother Eddie M. Guevara (PGM/PM)**  
**Aug 22, 1996**



**Brother Anthony D. Crump Aug 18, 1993**

**33 Years**  
**Brother Stephen S. Slyfield Aug 14, 1985**

**37 Years**  
**Brother John E. Ralston Aug 26, 1981**

**39 Years**  
**Brother Larry J. Boyd Aug 28, 1979**

**51 Years**  
**Brother Thomas F. Kiefer Aug 15, 1967**

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### **On the Lighter Side Masonic Humor**



The Worshipful Master of our Lodge found a bottle with a Genie in it. In accordance with custom, the Genie offered to grant him a wish. "OK," said the WM, "I've always wanted to go to Hawaii, but I hate to fly. So my wish is for you to build a bridge so I can drive to Hawaii." "I can't do that!!!" exclaimed the Genie. "Don't you know that's impossible? No Genie could do that. It's too far, the water is too deep, it's just totally beyond anybody's power. You will have to make another wish." "OK," said the Master. "I wish that at our next Stated Meeting all the old PMs would just get along and not cause any trouble, not have to tell us how they did it their year, not complain about the ritual, not put down the current officers ... just sit on the sidelines and behave!"

"Hmmmmm," said the Genie. "Do you want that bridge with 2 lanes or 4??"

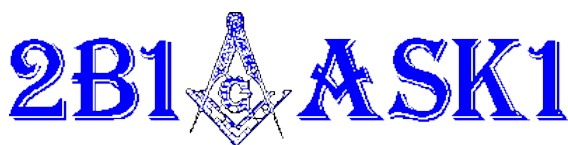


## ***We Labored***

We labored on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree on 2 May 2018 to pass to Fellow Craft Brother Christian Kork and Brother Jannis Olf. Brother Stanley Reams acting as Worshipful Master conferred, gave working tools and FC Charge. MW Brother Eddie M. Guevara gave Middle Chamber lecture. It was an evening full with Masonic education. New Fellow Crafts were inducted into the MC and heal lessons inculcated on yonder book swore in charity to care for all with sorrow smitten, The Brother on the darkened square, The Widow, full of grief and care, The sorrowing orphan doomed to stray On life's cold path and cheerless way While tears gush forth unbidden.



We also traveled within District 2, to assist in a Fellow Craft degree at Alt Heidelberg/Fidelitas Lodge 821 on 22 May. Standing out commended again and again with complementary applause from the many in attendance .... "PMR expertise and ritual exemplification as second to none throughout the ACGL remains unmatched. Well Done!"



If you have an interest (weather you are in the USA or overseas) in joining the Freemasons and would like more information, please feel free to contact any one of our lodge officers, or the Freemason who give you this newsletter; he will be delighted to arrange a meeting, answer your questions and for

someone to contact you for a no obligation, informal chat or email. Or Eddie Guevara, Past Grand Master of Masons, ACGL, and the current Master of Peter M. Rasmussen Lodge 916. E-mail: eddiemguevara@gmail.com



## Masonic Education

Masonic Wages

Corn, Wine and Oil



"Corn"

Wine

Oil

**Corn, wine and oil were the Masonic wages of our ancient brethren.**

How do you earn Masonic wages?

### Operative Freemasonry Wages:

**Master of the Work:** In ancient operative times, the Master of the Work received the highest wages. His wages were corn, wine, oil and sometimes the coin of the realm.

Fellow Craft and Entered Apprentice wages were less than the Master, but they were kept in "mete and drynk" (meat and drink).

**Speculative Freemasonry Wages:** In Speculative Freemasonry, Masonic wages are not earned in coin. They are the rewards earned through acts of kindness, good deeds of service, and the gift of your time to others.

They are earned by mentoring other brethren, helping others, remembering the widow and the orphan and visiting the sick. In short, wages are earned much as the biblical verse says:

"Do unto others as you would HAVE them do unto you."

*From the Revised Encyclopedia of Freemasonry by Albert Mackey, Vol. 1, page 244, 1929*

### **Corn, Wine and Oil**

Corn, wine and oil are the Masonic elements of consecration. The adoption of these symbols is supported by the highest antiquity. Corn, wine and oil were the most important productions of Eastern countries; they constituted the wealth of the people, and were esteemed as the supports of life and the means of refreshment.

David enumerates them among the greatest blessings that we enjoy, and speaks of them as:

**Psalm 104: 15:** "wine that maketh glad the heart of man, and oil to make his face to shine, and bread which strengtheneth man's heart".

### **Anointed With Oil:**

In devoting anything to religious purposes, the anointing with oil was considered as a necessary part of the ceremony, a rite which has descended to Christian nations.

- The tabernacle in the wilderness, and all its holy vessels, were, by God's express

command, anointed with oil;

- Aaron and his two sons were set apart for the priesthood with the same ceremony;
- ...and the prophets and kings of Israel were consecrated to their offices by the same rite.

Hence, Freemasons' Lodges, which are but temples to the Most High, are consecrated to the sacred purposes for which they were built by strewing corn, wine and oil upon the Lodge, the emblem of the Holy Ark.

Thus does this mystic ceremony instruct us to be nourished with the hidden manna of righteousness, to be refreshed with the Word of the Lord, and to rejoice with joy unspeakable in the riches of divine grace.

**Discourse iv, 81:** "wherefore do you carry you that in the pilgrimage of human life you are to impart:

- a portion of your bread to feed the hungry,
- to send a cup of your wine to cheer the sorrowful,
- and to pour the healing oil of your consolation into the wounds which sickness hath made in the bodies, or affliction rent in the heart, of your fellow-travellers?"

**Corn...The Staff of Life:** In processions, the corn alone is carried in a golden pitcher, the wine and oil are placed in silver vessels, and this is to remind us that the first, as a necessity and the "staff of life" is of more importance and more worthy of honor than the others, which are but comforts.

*End of Albert Mackey dissertation on Corn, Wine and Oil, our Masonic Wages.*

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**Wine:** ...as a symbol of the inward refreshment of a good conscience is intended, under the name of the *Wine of Refreshment*, to remind us of the eternal refreshments

which the good are to receive in the future life for the faithful performance of duty in the present.

End of Albert Mackey dissertation on Wine, our Masonic Wages.

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**Oil:** The Hebrews anointed their Kings, Prophets and High Priests with oil mingled with the richest spices. They also anointed themselves with oil on all festive occasions, whence the expression in

**Psalm xlv, 7:** "God hath anointed thee with the oil of gladness."

End of Albert Mackey dissertation on Oil, as part of our Masonic Wages.

...And, thus, your unspotted white lambskin Masonic apron is a symbol reminding you of the necessity of the purity of heart, and uprightness of conduct in order to earn the Masonic wages which are due you.

**Your final wages will be earned when you leave this world and travel to:**

**"that House not made with hands", where you will receive your Masonic wages for a life well spent in the "coin" of that realm.**

### MASONIC EDUCATION

This month in Masonic Education you will find 5 questions with mutable choices of answers based on research by Albert Pike. References Albert Pike's "Esoterika" The Symbolism of the Blue Degrees of Freemasonry. Transcribed and Annotated by Arturo de Hoyos.

1. Of what was the temple of Solomon a symbol?

- a. The Universe.
- b. The Jewish nation.
- c. The redemption of mankind.
- d. Both A and B.

2. In what way does Freemasonry convey its philosophical truths?

- a. By the publication of its books.
- b. By the example of its enlightened Brethren.
- c. By the use of symbolism.
- d. By recital of catechism.

3. Why does Masonry use the tools of labor as symbols of religious truths?

- a. To glorify, consecrate, dignify, and ennoble work.
- b. They are the inheritance of the Operative Masons.
- c. To signify the intimate bond between temple building and moral perfection.
- d. Because it is required by the Schaw Statutes.

4. What Master Mason has received the "Master's Word" in a Blue Lodge in the past 275+ years?

- a. None.
- b. All who are members of regular Blue Lodges.
- c. Those in Scotland only.
- d. Those in Antients Grand Lodge.
- e. Those in the Moderns Grand Lodge/

5. Give three examples of the appearance of the number 3 in Blue Lodge Masonry.

- 1. \_\_\_\_\_
- 2. \_\_\_\_\_
- 3. \_\_\_\_\_

**Prepared by Right Worshipful Brother Larry E Painter**

*Answer Key For MASONIC EDUCATION (*

*1. A PG LXI*

*2. C PG XXX*

*3. A PG LXIII*

*4. B PG 85*

*5.3 Jewels*

*3 Principal Officers*

*3 Degrees*

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## Independence Day

**4<sup>th</sup> July in Masonic History** it is

Independence Day, 2018.

Independence Day is celebrated annually in the United States to recognize the



signing of the Declaration of Independence. The document was meant to explain the reasons why the 13 British colonies of the Americas chose to separate from England. Some scholars believe that the document was not signed until August 2nd, 1776. Although writings from Benjamin Franklin, Thomas Jefferson and John Hancock all say they signed the Declaration on July 4th, 1776.

Independence Day, in fact the American Revolution itself holds a special place for American Freemasons. We tend to hold up the fact that George Washington, Benjamin Franklin and various members of the Sons of Liberty were leaders in the Revolution.

Although it is true that 9 Freemasons, out of 56, signed the Declaration of Independence, including its most famous signer, John Hancock. It is not so much the men that made the impact on the Revolution. It is the principals of Freemasonry that helped to form the United States of America.

Some scholars point to the publication, Anderson's Constitutions as a source for those ideals. Some of the ideals and codes of conduct which we find in Anderson's Constitutions would later appear in the United States Constitution. A common example is that Religion is not to be a topic of conversation in a lodge room where business is to be discussed. This was seen as an action that could cause a division within the lodge. Similarly, it can be equally said, that Religion in Government could cause that division in our ruling bodies, not allowing

Government to properly govern for all of its people.

For the Declaration of Independence and the events that lead to it, those who know the lessons that our ritual inculcates it is obvious to see where the men who helped form the early United States believed in those principals, mason or not. As an example, Freemason's believe that we all meet upon the level, the Declaration of Independence states "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal".

In the end Washington, Franklin, Hancock and the list of other notable and not so notable members of the American Revolution who were Freemasons, put themselves in harm's way for their belief in a better future. It becomes less about those men and more about the ideals and principals, many of which are put forth by Freemasonry in the United States and around the World. Those same ideals are stated in our ritual over and over again, not to make them common place, but to remind us of the importance of those words that inspired revolutions, in the United States and beyond.

As we celebrate the birth of the United States we should remember it was those Freemasons involved in the Revolution who had the courage to risk their lives for an ideal. It was in a Freemason lodge where they heard those ideals put forth and where they were reminded of them to the point that it became a part of their lives. That gift is now ours to cherish and pass on in our Freemason Lodges and in our communities.

Happy Fourth of July everyone! May it be safe and filled with family and friends!



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

**Your Elected and Appointed Officers**

**Worshipful Master**  
MW Brother Eddie M. Guevara (PGM, PM)

**Senior Warden**  
Worshipful Brother Michael Osswald (PM)

**Junior Warden**  
Brother Jerome L. Ajaye

**Treasurer**  
Brother Ruediger G. Glaser

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

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

**Senior Deacon**  
Worshipful Brother Peter Lohr (PM)

**Junior Deacon**  
Brother Brady A. Caulder

**Marshal**  
Brother Vivianos Adandogou

**Senior Stewart**  
Brother Stanley Reams

**Junior Stewart**  
Very Worshipful Brother Ward Williamson  
(PM)

**Tyler**  
Brother Luke Mason



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