

# PETER M. RASMUSSEN LODGE 916



## AF & AM TRESTLE BOARD AUGUST TO OCTOBER 2020



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 all members and ACGL.

### UPDATE

My Dear Brothers and Sisters of PMR 916 - Greetings

The first half of this year has been full of CORONA VIRUS. And conversation is that we are about to experience a second wave. We pray that the LORD will comfort us during this pandemic. In August our Lodge conducted the annual elections through the Zoom Platform and Secret Ballot using the adoodle.org platform due to coronavirus concerns.

### Lodge Officers September 2020 to September 2021

<b>Secretary</b>	<b>Senior Warden</b>	<b>Worshipful Master</b>	<b>Junior Warden</b>	<b>Treasurer</b>
RWBro Robert "Bob" Young (PM)	Bro Stefanos Tsachtidis	WBro Mike Howson (PM)	Bro Byron M. Tolliver	Bro Ruediger G. Glaser
<b>Chaplain</b>	<b>Senior Deacon</b>	<b>Junior Deacon</b>	<b>Marshal</b>	<b>Tyler</b>
WBro Komla C. Ezo (PM)	Bro Jannis Olf	Bro Brady A. Caulder	Bro Vivianos Adandogou	Wbro Stanley L. Reams (PM)
Senior Stewart			Junior Stewart	
Brother Christian A. Koerk			VW Brother Ward R. Williamson (PM)	

In Memoriam

Brother Larry Boyd:

Born and raised in the mountains of Northeast Georgia. Joined the US Army upon his HS graduation and served 27 years retiring honorably at Fort Gordon, Georgia in 1989 as a Command

Sergeant Major (CSM). Served the following 20 years as a government contractor for General Dynamics before finally joining a fully retired life in 2008. During his Army career he served several overseas tours including two tours in Europe, in Mannheim, Frankfurt and Darmstadt Germany. He joined the Brotherhood of Freemasonry in Triangle Lodge Nr. 834 in 1979 while stationed in Mannheim Germany (which merged with Peter M Rasmussen Lodge 916 Worms, Germany in 2005), then became a member of the Order of the Eastern Star during the same year. Joined the Order of the Mystic Shrine in 1979 in Fort Worth, Texas. He was an honorable man, proud Veteran, dedicated Brother, and mentor and friend to many. He was an avid golfer and played the game well enough to represent his class, placing fairly well in semi professional tournaments in Europe during his Army years and at home in the US. He loved to remind everyone around him that he had obtained a total of five "hole-in-ones" in his lifetime! He was a generous man and I only learned the true extent of that after his passing, as he was also a very humble man. Most importantly he was an amazing father and family man, a very proud and loving PawPaw to his grand girls. We were so blessed to have him in our lives, and into my childrens' lives into their adulthood. He passed away at age 76 on February 19, 2019 and is resting eternally in the Chattanooga National Cemetery in Chattanooga, TN.

With thanks to Virginia Allison Jones, Daughter of Brother Larry.

### **News from the Members**

Brother Walter E Coffing (Gloucester VA) has sent greetings  
Brother Jimmy D Hix (Ft Worth TX) has sent greetings  
Brother JW Hall (Murry KY) has sent greetings  
Brother Loyal Johnson (Washougal WA) has sent greetings  
Brother Stephen Slyfield (Williamsburg VA) has sent greetings  
Brother Daniel Morrow (Radcliff KY) has sent greetings  
Bro Morrow also attends Camp Knox Lodge 916 has sent greetings  
Brother Troy Barton (Moline IL) has sent greetings  
Brother Mark Matthews (Clarksville TN) has sent greetings  
Brother Nigel Fursdon (Madison AL) has sent greetings  
Brother John Ralston (Zullinger PA) has sent greetings  
Brother Pete Barrios (Elkton KY) has sent greetings  
Brother William Lowell (Livingston TX) has sent greetings  
Brother Thomas F Kiefer (Orlando FL) has sent greetings

Thank you all for your warm and Fraternal greetings, we meet and greet you and your families well.  
May you continue to enjoy good health and prosperity

Brother Thomas Wright (Colorado Springs CO) who has been ill  
Brother Billy Neal (Navarre FL) who has received open heart surgery

Thank you both for your warm and Fraternal greetings, we all wish you a speedy recovery of your ailments and a swift return to your homes and families.

### **Lodge Birthdays**

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

September Birthdays VW Brother Thomas C. Hill Sep 1, 1969 Brother Lawrence C. Young Sep 5,

1946 Brother Pedro M. Barrios Sep 6, 1945 Brother Troy Barton Sep 10, 1964 Brother Jerry M. Burns Sep 11, 1936 Brother Billy Joe Staffiles Sep 23, 1980 W Brother Ronald W. Stradling Sep 24, 1970 Brother Billy D. Neal Sep 25, 1945 Brother John E. Ralston Sep 27, 1944 Brother Luke Mason Sep 29, 1987

October Birthdays Brother Leland E. Irvin Oct 14, 1929 Brother Jimmy D. Hix Oct 16, 1953 Brother Anthony D. Crump Oct 28, 1954 Brother Daniel Moreno Oct 29, 1957

### Masonic Birthday

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

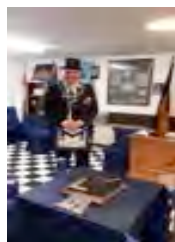
August, September, & October. August 2020. 2 Years Brother Christian A. Koerk, Aug 1, 2018. 27Years Brother Anthony D. Crump Aug 18, 1993. 35 Years Brother Stephen S. Slyfield Aug 14, 1985. 39 Years Brother John E. Ralston Aug 26, 1981. 53 Years Brother Thomas F. Kiefer Aug 15, 1967.

September 2020. 2 Years Brother Jannis Olf Sep 15, 2018. 16 Years W Brother Komla C. Ezo Sep 15, 2004. 26 Years Brother Wayne C. Toberman Sep 11, 1986. 29 Years Brother Darry C. Johnson Sep 17, 1991. 37 Years Brother Michael A. Banda Sep 7, 1983. 39 Years Brother Joseph Goldberg Sep 22, 1981.

October 2020. 3 Years Brother Karl Rick October 6, 2017. 8 Years W Brother Michael Osswald Oct 15, 2012. 17 Years Brother Mark E. Matthews Oct 29, 2003. 20 Years VW Brother Thomas C.Hill Oct 17, 2000. 33 Years Brother Lawrence C. Young Oct 27, 1987. 39 years Brother John M. Reeve Oct 28, 1981. 45 Years Brother Andrejs Bedelis Oct 28, 1975. 55 Years Brother Loyal L. Johnson Oct 19, 1965.

### Other News

#### The New Worshipful Master



Worshipful Brother Mike Howson was installed into the chair of King Solomon on the 1<sup>st</sup> of September 2020. Mike has been a Freemason since 2004, and attained the chair in his mother lodge, Lansdowne Lodge of Unity 626 in 2012.

He is married with a Step Son, and lives in Germany, he works in Coleman Barracks as the Fleet Manager.

Mike was born in BMH Rinteln in West Germany in 1966, and joined the British Army in 1982. He left the Army in 1999 and joined the Ministry of Defence in 2006. He joined PEKO GMBH a German sub contractor of PAE in 2016 and transitioned over to Amentum gmbh in 2020.

### Masonic Education

## WHITEGLOVES

Brother xxxxx (first name) Clean hands have long been a symbol of purity. The Psalmist says, "That he only shall ascend into the hill of the Lord, or shall stand in His holy place, who hath clean hands and a pure heart."

In the Ancient Mysteries, the washing of the hands was always an introductory ceremony to the initiation; and, of course, it was used symbolically to indicate the necessity of purity from crime as a qualification of those who sought admission into our sacred rites.

The white gloves worn by Masons as a part of their clothing allude to this symbolising of clean hands and a pure heart. I now present you with your own pair of white gloves. Always wear them when attending Lodge. Let them be a constant reminder to you, as an upright man and Mason, to ever have clean hands and a pure heart."

This presentation of Masonic Gloves is not part of the ACGL standard ritual. The ritual is conducted in the First Degree immediately prior to the starting of the Second Section Lecture. The white gloves given to the newly made EA must have no Masonic symbols.

This is a modified version of "Clean Hands", by ACGL PGM Bro. Buck Buchanan. This was extracted from The Masonic Service Association of North America Short Talk Bulletin Vol. 86, May 2008, No. 5, titled, MASONIC GLOVES

### Relief

The Lodge has given the following donations

200 Euro to Worms Senior Citizens Home  
100 Euro to Worms Music School  
120 Dollars to Boy Scouts of America  
300 Euro to the Lebanon Aid Appeal

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