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SPECIAL HOLIDAY
GREETINGS WISHING
BRETHREN, FAMILY AND
FRIENDS A VERY MERRY
CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY
NEW YEAR 2019!

From the East
Worshipful Brother Stanley Ream
Master

To my Brothers, families and friends ...



Holiday Greetings to you and those you love! This is always a time of great personal excitement and the anticipation of fun, happiness and joy we always have during this season of the year. We have many fond memories from many wonderful gatherings in past years and now we look forward to sharing with you the delights of the coming holidays. I am happy to have this opportunity to communicate with you and wish you and yours many good times in the days and weeks ahead while in the Lodge and newsletter.



It is always fitting and proper that we pause to reflect on our personal good fortune and to thank the Great Architect of the Universe for our many blessings. We cherish our freedoms in this blessed land of opportunity. We are grateful for the privilege of free assembly and the right to practice our craft, and the many blessings of family life and love.



Because this holiday period is also a season marked with the wonderful tradition of sharing and gift giving, I would hope that you might consider a special year end charity donation in your community, or and even your Lodge so that together we may continue to share with those we serve and those less fortunate in our communities.



May all of you according to your faith and traditions enjoy these holidays... Hanukkah, the Jewish Festival of Lights, a very Merry Christmas and a beautiful Kwanzaa, a celebration of family community and culture.



On behalf of our elected and appointed line and ladies. I wish to extend our warmest wishes to you and all of those you cherish for all the joys of the season. We also send our most heartfelt good wishes for the New Year 2019 ... may everything that you wish for you be fulfilled. May we all share a year of good health, a year of growth and personal achievement and may 2019 be a year of peace on earth and good will toward all mankind.



Peter M. Rasmussen social event

Pictures of our 9 December Christmas Program in the banquet room at the Restaurant Zur Mülerei Worms. Taken by Brother Steffen M Kling of Temple der Bruderliebe Lodge Nr. 135 Worms.

Brothers and sisters from both Worms Lodges with guest enjoyed the evening meal prepared by the Mülerei. And the Worms Music school provided great solo and combined music for our Christmas program.

As the evening started to close you could here the Brothers and Sisters talking about the great time had by all.

A special thank you - to the Brothers that put this program together.



Patron Saints of Freemasonry St. John the Baptist and St. John the Evangelist



"There is in every regular and well governed Lodge, a certain point within a circle, embordered by two parallel perpendicular lines. . . ."



June 24th, Freemasons celebrate the Feast of St. John Baptist, and 27th December Saint John the Evangelist. A curious thing for a non-sectarian group to do. Freemasonry historically acknowledges St. John the Baptist and St. John the Evangelist as its patron saints, reveres their memory, points to their exemplary lives in its ritualistic work, and dedicates its Lodges to them.

In 1740, Chevalier Andrew Michael Ramsey, a Scottish expatriate living in France, as Orator of the Grand Lodge of France, first suggested what morphed into the Templar theory of the formation

of Freemasons. "During the time of the holy wars in Palestine, several principal lords and citizens associated themselves together, and entered into a vow to re-establish the temples of the Christians in the Holy Land; and engaged themselves by an oath to employ their talents and their fortune in restoring architecture to its primitive institution. They adopted several ancient signs and symbolic words drawn from religion by which they might distinguish themselves from the infidels and recognize each other in the midst of the Saracens. They communicated these signs and words only to those who had solemnly sworn, often at the foot of the altar, never to reveal them. This was not an oath of execration but a bond uniting men of all nations into the same confraternity. Sometime after our order was united with the Knights of St. John of Jerusalem. Hence our lodges are, in all Christian countries, called Lodges of St. John."

Ramsey largely invented his tale out of whole cloth, and there is nothing to suggest that his account was anything more than a fairy tale.

In what is called the Old York Lecture from about 1770 in England has the following as part of its EA catechism:

"Q. To whom were the lodges dedicated during the Mosaic dispensation?" __

A. To Moses, the chosen of God, and Solomon, the son of David." __

"Q. And under what name were the Masons known during that period?" __

"A. Under the name of Dionysiacs, Geometricians, or Masters in Israel." __

"Q. But as Solomon was a Jew, and died long before the promulgation of Christianity, to whom were they dedicated under the Christian dispensation?" __

"A. From Solomon the patronage of Masonry passed to St. John the Baptist." __

"Q. And under what name were they known after the promulgation of Christianity?" __

"A. Under the name of Essenes, Architects, or Freemasons."__

"Q. Why were the lodges dedicated to St. John the Baptist?"__

"A. Because he was the forerunner of our Saviour, and by preaching repentance and humiliation, drew the first parallel of the Gospel."__

"Q. Had St. John the Baptist any equal?"__

"A. He had; St. John the Evangelist."__

"Q. Why was he said to be the equal of the Baptist?"__

"A. Because he finished by his learning what the other began by his zeal, and thus drew a second line parallel to the former; ever since which time Freemason's lodges in all Christian countries, have been dedicated to the one, or the other, or both of these worthy and worshipful men."



In Memory of our Departed Brother's

Think of Brother Oscar H. Currin, Brother Nuel Wilson who, but a few days since, were among us in all the pride and power of life; bring to your minds the remembrance of their wisdom, their strength, and their beauty. Let our fidelity to Brotherhood be to us the symbol of remembrance of all the virtues of our Brothers who have preceded us to the Silent Land, and serve as a token of that fraternal alliance which binds us while on earth, which we hope will finally unit us in heaven.

Peter M. Rasmussen Lodge 916 Lodge of Sorrow 5 December 2018 to celebrate the memory and mourns the loss of our departed Brother Oscar H. Currin, and MW Brother Nuel Wilson *Past Grand Masters, of the American Canadian Grand Lodge* who have laid down the working tools of this life and moved on to the celestial lodge above.

Most Worshipful Brother Eddie Guevara paid homage by visiting the grave site to honor the memory of *Most Worshipful Brother Peter M. Rasmussen*, the first Grand Master of ACGL.



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!

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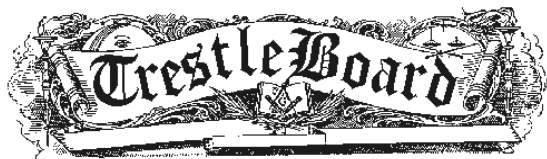
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