

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

I start by reporting our Grand Lodge annual communication was a success. Outgoing and immediate PGM **MW Brother Tayfun Cilinger** reported on the state of our Grand Body, and I agree we are heading in the right direction. I commended our IPGM for his leadership and job well done. Brother Tayfun also represented ACGL at the GMCONA. Reports reported by PGM **MW Brother Paul Curran** our Grand Treasurer to the Grand Lodge financial status, to which being well managed and with sound accountability. **PGM MW Brother James Barrett** our Grand Secretary reported the status of our Grand Lodge administration as a challenge and rewarding. Brother James also represented our Grand Lodge at the GMCONA Grand Secretary conference. I salute his dedication and job well done. He served his term as promised and wish Grand Body well. PGM **MW Brother**

Paul Litteral reported as our Senate Representative at the VGL. Much has happening and for the good of all Grand Lodge under the VGL. Brother Paul has served the Grand Body in his capacity for over nine (9) years and has done a good job during his tenure. He expressed his support and thanked the Lodges for allowing him to serve the Craft. I pass a personal job well done and thank him for is commitment, dedication as our representative.

The new Grand Line elected on 20 April 2018 and installed 21 April 2018 are

Grand Master: Most Worshipful Brother Juan Goytia

Deputy Grand Master: Right Worship Brother Jan Savarino

Senior Grand Warden: RW Brother Daniel Japlin

Junior Grand Warden: RW Brother Luis Baez

Grand Secretary: RW Brother John Abernathy (elected for a two year term)

Grand Treasurer: Most Worshipful Brother Paul Curran

I express our Lodge support to our new Grand Master and wish Grand Line all the best.

Our Lodge was represented by myself, RW Brother Bob Young, RW Brother Larry Painter, VW Brother Ward Williamson, W Brother Peter Lohr, Brother Lee Ajaye, Brother Brady Caulder and Brother Karl Rick.

As a member of **Noble 9**, I was part of the Past Master degree team as the Grand Lecture. Twenty three (23) duly installed Masters received the right of investiture.

Our Lodge in due time will elected our new line to govern our Lodge. In our preparation RW Brother Bob has handed and mail out our lodge summons for our June election. Keep esteem, dedication, commitment and your enthusiasms as our lodge next leaders.



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

Brother Lee Ajaye (JW): RW Brother Bob Is it too late to get on the list to attend the Annual Communication at Bad Kissingen for myself and Brother Brady this Saturday? If possible we'd like only to attend the day time activities and not the Ball at the end. Also would you please let me know the name of the hotel so that we can more accurately plan our departure time.

MW Brother Eddie: I have a request for charity donation for homes animals (dogs, cats). If our Lodge and our non-residence members would like to donate for a good cause.

Brother Stanley Reams: FC degree, I will be as prepared as possible. I look forward to the experience. Fraternally

RW Brother Bob Young: Greetings to each of you and your families. Summons to Lodge 6 June 2018 Annual Elections and 5 September 2018 Annual Reports and Installation of Elected and Appointed Officers.

RW Brother Bob Young: A Birthday Card was placed in the envelope with the Special Newsletter to Brother Wilbur D. Beasley. I printed 8 copies for mailing. And had already put them in envelopes. Just

replaced Bro Beasley's envelope. We have 8 Brothers that do not have an email address.

Wilbur D Beasley	1 April 1935
Andrejus Bedelis	18 May 1935
Clifford E Cannon	2 May 1942
Loyal L Johnson	18 August 1931
Daniel M Morrow	22 July 1955
Dewey W Morse	31 May 1947
Karl T Ward	29 April 1932
Alfred A White	10 December 1939

The last two names Ward & White had emails but in the past several months they do not work.

VW WM Brother Henry Rosset and Dilmun 1069 brethren: With kindness and honor that we take this opportunity to congratulate the WM, officers elected, officers appointed, and brethren all of the Peter M. Rasmussen Lodge 916 on the occasion of celebrating 46 years as a Masonic Lodge, we wish you all well.

WBrother Gerald Dodd. Reference Founding Member and Charter member (humor): Of course the Founding members were those Brothers that signed the ByLaws on 25 Mar 1972 (day of Consecration). Charter Members were Brother that became members later on in the year of 1972. That were 1) not at the Consecration (for whatever reason, sick, duty, leave, just did not come to the event) highly unlikely. Because A look at the Bylaws shows that the next signature on the Bylaws after 25 Mar 1972 was 30 August 1972 to the end of 1972. 2) Therefore it was those Brothers that their affiliation verification documentation had as yet been received.

In 1972 there was no email. Documented proof of anything moved by snail mail. By hand written letter or manual typewriter letter.

Correspondence moved through the postal system the bottom of a stack of documents to be responded to, back through the postal system to the bottom of the stack of documents at next step along the way to hopefully verification. From Lodge desiring affiliation verification to Area Grand Lodge. From Area Grand Lodge to Affiliates Grand Lodge

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desiring affiliation verification.

This process took months. And if there
were any hiccups along the way the
process took several months.

A look back in time says this is not funny
at all. But Brother Jerry's view is that they
waited too long to get around to requesting
affiliation.



May Birthdays

- Brother James D. Leigh May 1, 1943
- Brother Billy C. Vaughn May 2, 1942
- Brother Clifford E. Cannon May 2, 1942
- W Brother Richard A. Brown May 4, 1949
- Brother Joseph Goldberg May 6, 1953
- Brother John A. Seek May 7, 1962
- Brother Manfred Diefendbach May 11, 1941
- W Brother Peter Lohr May 12, 1941
- Brother Andrejs Bedelis May 18, 1935
- Brother Lowell J. Mills Jr. May 23, 1929
- Brother Ruediger G. Glaser May 23, 1974
- Brother Walter E. Coffing May 30, 1943
- Brother Frank P. Bajus May 30, 1967
- VW Brother Ward Williamson II May 31, 1953
- Brother Dewey W. Morse May 31, 1947

June Birthdays

- Brother Jimmy A. Mcgrath June 12, 1952
- Brother Wayne C. Toberman June 30, 1955
- W Brother Komla C. Ezo June 30, 1970

January	February	March
April	May	June
July	August	September
October	November	December

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Lodge Calendar

May

- 2 - Stated Meeting
 - a. FC 2nd 2nd Section Ritual
 - b. Lodge of Instruction
- 13 May: Brethren remainder "Mother's Day"
- 28 May: We remember our fallen comrades on "Memorial Day"

Within the District 2 Invitation

7 May – EA degree at Alt Heidelberg

June

- 17 June: Remainder "Father's Day"
- 23- Stated
 - a. Lodge election
 - b. Lodge of Instruction
 - c. Fellow Craft Degree

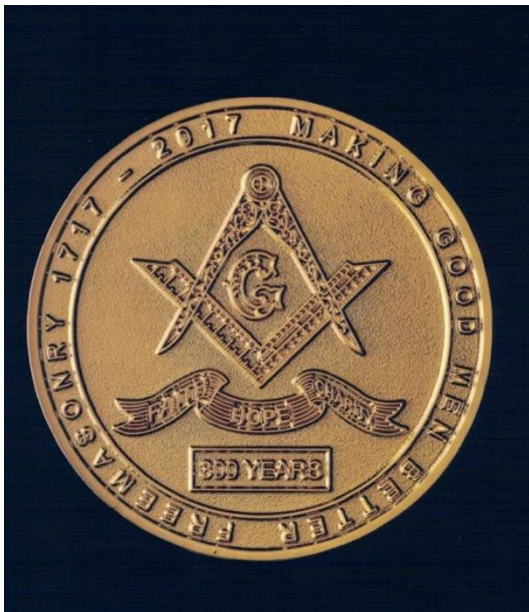


Our Community

Our Worshipful Master recognized all our members with the Community Service Award. It was an unexpected recognition as each inculcated a sense of individual responsibility to their community. Volunteering and making time to make a difference is what Mason's do. So by recognition "Motivation is the art of getting people to do what you want them to do because they want to do it." "Kindness is more important than wisdom, and the recognition of this is the beginning of wisdom." Thank you for all that you do for you Community.

Industrious Beehive award awarded to Brother Stanley Reams and Brother Stefanos Tsachtidis making a difference for improvement work done in our Lodge.

Please join me in welcoming our Affiliated Members: Right Worshipful Brother Larry E. Painter. He is a five time past master of different lodges, PDGM District 4, and HSGW.



Freemasonry 300th Years Tricentennial Masonic Coin presented to distinguish Brethren at the ACGL annual communication: MW Brother Tayfun Cilinger, MW Brother Paul Curran and 23 Worshipful Brethren invested with ROI. Each have made a difference to the Brotherhood and Freemasonry.



What Does Freemasonry Stand For?

Freemasonry is the oldest and largest worldwide fraternity dedicated to the Brotherhood of Man under the Fatherhood of a Supreme Being. Although Freemasonry is not a religion, it urges its members, however, to be faithful and devoted to their own religious beliefs.

Masons, when asked such a question, will give different answers, in their own words, based on their own perceptions, experience and education. The most common answer is "a peculiar system of morality, based on allegory and illustrated with symbols".

The lessons Freemasonry teaches through its ceremonies are to do with moral values (governing relations between people) and its acknowledgement, without in any way crossing the boundaries of religion.

All Freemasons are taught that any duties which they have as a Freemason come only after their duties to family, work, and faith. In no circumstances should their membership interfere with these aspects of their lives. Freemasons feel that these lessons apply just as much today as they did when it took its modern form at the turn of the 17th century.

Another way of explaining, "What Freemasonry is", is to detail what it is not.

Freemasonry and Religion:

Freemasonry is not a religion, nor is it a substitute for religion, and it does not allow religion to be discussed at its meetings.

Its essential qualification opens it to men of many religions, and it expects them to continue to follow their own faith. All Freemasons are required to profess and continue in a belief in a Supreme Being.

It has no theology, nor sacraments, and it does not claim to lead to or offers no answers on matters of salvation, as these are the preserve of churches. All Freemasons are encouraged to find answers to such questions through their own faith, religion and church. Members are urged to respect the teaching of their own faith and not to allow Freemasonry to infringe, in any way, on the member's duty to their mosque, church, synagogue, etc. For this reason Lodges in Christian countries do not meet on Sundays. Lodges within Jewish communities do not meet on Saturdays and Lodges with a predominately Muslim membership will respect the Holy Days of that faith.

Freemasonry and Politics:

Freemasonry is not a political organization, and it will not comment on, nor offer, opinions as to competing forms of Government. Freemasonry is non-political, and the discussion of politics at Masonic meetings is forbidden.

The reason for religion and the discussion of politics at Masonic meetings are expressly forbidden stem from Freemasonry's aims to encourage its members to discover what people from all different backgrounds have in common.

Secrecy:

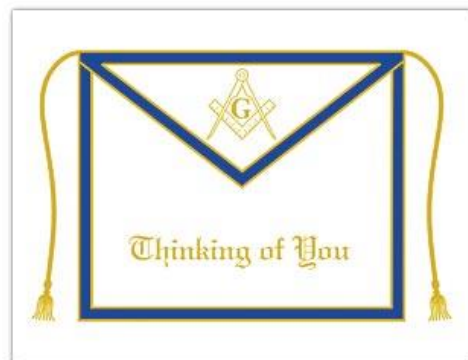
Freemasonry is not in any way a secret society despite what many people claim. Freemasonry's so-called secrets are solely used as a ceremonial way of demonstrating that one is a Freemason when in Lodge meetings; that is, its traditional modes of recognition. Like many other societies, it regards some of its internal affairs as private matters for its members.

Other reasons why Freemasonry cannot be called a secret society are that Freemasons do not promise to keep their membership secret. All members are free to acknowledge their membership, where and when Freemasons meet are matters of public record (you can look up Masonic centers in telephone directories) and our Constitutions, rules, principles and our aims are readily available to the public.

It is ironic that because Freemasons used to be reticent about their membership, as they were and still are taught never to use it to advance their own interests, critics have taken this the wrong way and think that there is something secretive going on. Nothing could be further from the truth.

Freemasonry and Society:

Freemasonry demands from its members a respect for the law of the country in which a man works and lives. Its principles do not in any way conflict with its members' duties as citizens, but should strengthen them in fulfilling their private and public responsibilities. The use by a Freemason of his membership to promote his own or anyone else's business, professional or personal interests is condemned, and is contrary to the conditions on which he sought admission to Freemasonry. His duty as a citizen must always prevail over any obligation to other Freemasons, and any attempt to shield a Freemason who has acted dishonorably or unlawfully is contrary to this prime duty.



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

May 2018

13 Years

Brother Felix I. Flores May 18, 2005

31 Years

Brother Charles A. Hart May 26, 1987

38 Years

Brother Clifford E. Cannon May 27, 1980

43 Years

Brother Billy D. Neal May 16, 1975
VW Brother Ward Williamson III May 21, 1975

June 2018

12 Years

Brother Ronald W. Stradling June 21, 2006
Brother Ruediger G. Glaser June 21, 2006

29 Years

Brother James D. Leigh June 20, 1989



Brother William F. Lowell June 28, 1978

42 Years

Brother Deward B. Rice Jr. June 22, 1976



Brother Oscar H. Currin June 27, 1973

49 Years

Brother Karl T. Ward June 16, 1969

Membership in Freemasonry is not about joining a fraternity; it is not about being in good standing because one's dues are paid; and it is not about how long one has been such a member. 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. The marks of membership are easy to see. They are what really makes a man a Mason.



"You know, the new line of officers isn't half bad."
"Nope, they're ALL bad!"

On the Lighter Side Masonic Humor



"DON'T GET ME WRONG BROTHER. I'M GLAD YOU'RE HERE. JUST TRY NOT TO BE SO OBVIOUS AS TO WHY YOU ARE HERE"

The Human brain is an amazing organ. It functions 24 hours a day from the day we are born and only stops when we are performing ritual





We Labored

We labored on the 2nd Degree with Brother Stanley Reams acting as WM, Brother Luke Mason as SW, Brother Brady Caulder as JW and Brother Stefanos Tsachtidis as SD. Pass to Fellow Craft is Brother Christian Koerk.



Our young Master Masons were put to the task and performed magnificently. It was a team effort, esteem, commitment to make a difference.

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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.
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Masonic Education

This month in Masonic Education you will find 10 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. What are the two schools of thought in Masonic research, and how are they characterized?
 - a. Authentic-historical/transactional history.
 - b. Romantic-circumstantial/ ritual evidence of "old" origins.
 - c. Alchemic-symbolic/hidden meanings meant for adepts.
 - d. Causal-historical/ritual evidence of "old" origins.
- 2a. What is the oldest written reference to Freemasonry?
 - a. London Calendar of Letter-books, letter-book H.
 - b. Anderson's Constitutions.
 - c. The Regius Poem.
 - d. The Post-Boy Expose'.
- 2b. When was it written?
 - a. 1330
 - b. 1465
 - c. 1717
 - d. 1325
- 3a. What was the first high degree?
 - a. Royal Arch.
 - b. Fellow Craft.
 - c. Master Mason.
 - d. Scots Master.
- 3b. In what year did it appear? _____
4. Early manuscripts hint of an earlier tradition, which likely evolved into the legend of the Third Degree, as we know it today. Whom does it concern?
 - a. Jesus Christ and his disciples.
 - b. Moses and Pharaoh Rameses II
 - c. Noah and his three sons.
 - d. Joseph and the coat of many colors.
 - e. Mary and the Immaculate Conception.
5. Who is the first known non-operative, or "gentleman mason"?
 - a. Sir Christopher Wren.
 - b. Mr. Elias Ashmole.
 - c. Sir Robert Moray.
 - d. Mr. Anthony Sayer
6. An early document, The Dumfries No.4 Manuscript (ca. 1710). States that the master lies in a "stone trough" and concludes with a bit of quaint poetry, which mentions a "caput mortuu (m) [deaths head]. In order to:
 - a. Remind you of mortality
 - b. Frighten the candidate.
 - c. Conclude the legend of the Third Degree.
 - d. Remind the candidate of the necessity for secrecy.
 - e. All the above.
 - f. None of the above.
7. The first "speculative" Masons were referred to as?
 - a. Freemasons.
 - b. Masters of the Royal Secret.
 - c. Fellows of the Craft.
 - d. Accepted Masons.
8. What is the likely origin of the word "Freemason"?
 - a. Free stone mason, a hewer and setter of free stone.
 - b. Masons who worked for free for the Church.
 - c. A Mason who could travel freely, and work where he desired.
 - d. None of the above.

9. The initiation of non – operative gentleman, and the conferral of the Mason Word, is the sine qua non of what we now call Speculative Freemasonry. The Mason Word was:

- a. An expression of the ineffable name of GOD.
- b. A term embodying the sum of the private modes of recognition.
- c. Lost on the death of Master Hiram.
- d. Found and returned to candidates in several degrees in Masonry, such as the Royal Arch and the Perfect Elu Degrees.
- e. None of the above.

10a. What is the earliest written ritual we have, and what is conspicuously missing?

- a. The Regius Poem—Hiram Abiff.
- b. The Constitutions of Freemasonry-- --The Fellow craft Degree.
- c. Three Distinct Knocks----The Master's Word.
- d. The Edinburgh Register House Manuscript----The Master Masons Degree.

10b. In what year was it written? _____

Prepared by Right Worshipful Brother
Larry E Painter

Answer Key For MASONIC EDUCATION

- 1. A&B
- 2a. A 2b. D
- 3a. C
- 3b. 1725
- 4. C
- 5. C
- 6. A
- 7. D
- 8. A
- 9. B
- 10a. D
- 10b. 1696



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)**

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

**Junior Warden
Brother Jerome L. Ajaye**

**Treasurer
Brother Ruediger G. Glaser**

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

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

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

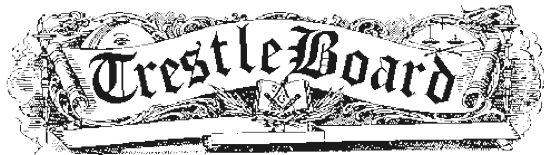
Junior Deacon
Brother Brady A. Caulder

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(PM)

Senior Stewart
Brother Stanley Reams

Junior Stewart
Very Worshipful Brother Ward Williamson
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