PETER M. RASMUSSEN LODGE 916 AF & AM TRESTLE BOARD

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From the East

Worship Brother Stanley Reams

Being Elected and Installed as your new Master, I thank the Supreme Architect of the universe for directing me to find Masonry as my way in life. And for helping me find and join Peter M Rasmussen Lodge number 916. I also thank the Officers and Brothers of Peter M Rasmussen Lodge for having trust and confidence in my ability to be the Worshipful Master of this Most Dynamic little Lodge located in the city of Worms Germany. My goal is to move our Lodge forward in the grand traditions of our name sake Peter M Rasmussen in all my doings and undertakings.

Worshipful Master Brother Stanley L Reams. Blessed are those that seek light for they shall find it.

From the West

My Dear Brothers of Peter M Rasmussen Lodge Number 916 it is my pleasure to be of service to all our Lodge members wherever you may be. As Senior Warden's my column represents Strength and the right-hand pillar at the door to King Solomon's Temple. My jewel is the Level, symbol of equality among the Craft. I am the second Officer of the Lodge. My primary duty is to assist the Worshipful Master in opening and closing the Lodge. And in the absence of the Worshipful Master, preside over the Lodge. My Brothers I am always here for you. Should you need my help aid or assistance please let me know. My email lukemason447@gmail.com Senior Warden Brother Luke Mason. So mote it be.

From the South

Hello Brothers of PMR 916. My Jewel is the Plumb admonishing all to walk uprightly. And my Column represents Beauty. I am the 3d Officer of the Lodge. And look forward to serving our Lodge to the best of my abilities. I am in charge of times of refreshment and social events. Junior Warden Brother Brady Caulder. My email is brady.caulder@yahoo.com. Drop me a line.

From the Desk of the Secretary Dues Brothers Dues 2019 Dues Cards are available. Annual Dues for Brothers living in Germany is 75.00 euro. And \$75.00 for Brothers living elsewhere in the world.

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Brothers Living in the USA or elsewhere in the world \$75.00 by mailing your Dues to the Lodge Pay to the order of PMR 916 Personal Check, Cashiers check, or by Postal Money Order Mail to: PETER M RASMUSSEN LODGE 916 POSTFACH 1932 67509 WORMS

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RW Brother Bob Young PMR 916 Secretary



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

Brother Jerry Burns (Six Lakes MI): MW, RW, VW, Worshipful Master, Brothers all. I bring brotherly greetings and greet you all well. It is coming to that time of the year again that the Lodge dues are upon us. I know it might be a little early but while I am still able I have sent a check to cover my dues and what is left over can be used where it is recommended by my Brothers. It has not been a good year health wise, I'm still on oxygen twenty four hours now with a BiPAP machine at night. All I do is give blood, see lab reports, and visit doctors. No one can tell me why I can't breathe without oxygen. Its starting to cool down a little which is expected for Michigan what isn't expected is all of the rain we are getting. Farmers having problems with harvesting crops. Ground to wet. It will not be much longer and that white stuff will be showing up. My left hand does not work well. I hope you can read my note. With that I will close and hope to make it next year. Thought and great endeavors to all brethren.

Brother Richard Marshall (Macon-Bibb GA): MW, RW, VW, WM, Secretary, Wardens and Brothers. I bring brotherly greetings and greet you all well. Please forgive my slow contact, I am still working on my house in Macon-Bibb, GA. No change of address. My email is still the same. I enclose a donation for the Lodge to determine where you need it most. Keep up and let nothing disturb the warm and holy love our time honored ritual and lodge enjoin. Brother Nigel Fursdon (Madison AL): MW, RW, VW, WM, Secretary, Wardens and Brothers. I bring brotherly greetings and greet you all well. Thank you for catching my oversight. Enclosed is a check for my 2018 and 2019 dues with a little left to be applied to a worthy cause as needed. Thank you and all the best wishes for our time honored lodge.

> MW Eddie M. Guevara Holiday Greetings and Tradition

Brethren all,

I commend our WM and elected and appointed officers for their steadfast esteem and dedication to the success of our lodge and as servants to our members. As we labor in November and December we are forever mindful of the sweetness as freemasons we enjoy during our daily pleasures, while preserving out Thanksgivings and Holidays traditions to all we come in contact with and meet during our daily routine and travels.

Our Lodge join all throughout the world in celebrating with kindness and open heart.

Thank you for making a difference!



November Birthdays Brother Nigel R. Fursdon Nov 10, 1959 Brother Stephen S. Slyfield Nv 15, 1953 Brother Jackie W. Hall Nov 15, 1942 Brother John C. Cooper Nov 17, 1948 Brother Darry C. Johnson Nov 17, 1963 Brother Jerome L. Ajaye Nov 21, 1962

December Birthdays

Brother Viviano Adandogous Dec 2, 1966 M W Brother Eddie M. Guevara Dec 8, 1952 Brother Alfred A. White Dec 10, 1939 Brother Richard R. Emmart Dec 27, 1940 Brother Jay P. Hoschstaine Dec 27, 1940 Brother Angel L. Robles Dec 31, 1930 Your contribution in volunteer hours to your Community and State speaks volume of your masonic commitment making a difference to our civilian population and society. Also in help, aid and assistance to our Uniformed Services your contribution and volunteer hours has been reported and commended.



Lodge Calendar

November

December



Our Community

Members from Peter M. Rasmussen Lodge 916 during the month September and October has made charitable physical and even donated funds to masonic relief involving flood, earthquake, typhoon, hurricane and tornadoes disasters in the USA, Germany, Europe, Caribbean, South West Asia, and Pacific. Your masonic contribution has not gone unnoticed and you are commended for your efforts.



What is a "lodge"

The word "lodge" means both a group of Masons meeting in some place and the room or building in which they meet. Masonic buildings are also sometimes called "temples" because much of the symbolism Masonry uses to teach its lessons comes from the building of King Solomon's Temple in the Holy Land. The term "lodge" itself comes from the structures which the stonemasons built against the sides of the cathedrals during construction. In winter, when building had to stop, they lived in these lodges and worked at carving stone.

While there is some variation in detail from state to state and country to country, lodge rooms today are set up similar to the diagram in jurisdictions.

If you've ever watched C-SPAN's coverage of the House of Commons in London, you'll notice that the layout is about the same. Since Masonry came to America from England, we still use the English floor plan and English titles for the officers. The Worshipful Master of the Lodge sits in the East ("Worshipful" is an English term of respect which means the same thing as "Honorable.") He is called the Master of the lodge for the same reason that the leader of an orchestra is called the "Concert Master." It's simply an older term for "Leader." In other organizations, he would be called "President." The Senior and Junior Wardens are the First and Second Vice-Presidents. The Deacons are messengers and the Stewards have charge of refreshments.

Every lodge has an altar holding a "Volume of the Sacred Law." In the United States and Canada, that is almost always a Bible.



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

November 2018

9 Years Brother James W. Cox November 4, 2009

16 Years Brother Troy Barton November 6, 2002

24 Years W Brother Terry L. Ormand Nov 15, 1994 32 Years Brother Daniel Morino November 25, 1986

42 Years Brother Randy A. Holloway Nov 23, 1976

51 Years

W Brother Jay P. Hoschstaine Nov 25, 1967 W Brother Thomas R. Wright Nov 2, 1967

58 Years W Brother Leland E. Irvin Nov 28, 1960

December 2018

17 Years Brother Billy J. Staffiles Dec 1, 2001

38 Years W Brother Peter Lohr Dec 4, 1980 Brother Walter E. Coffing Dec 23, 1980

52 Years W Brother Gerald R. Dodd Dec 12, 1966

On the Lighter Side Masonic Humor



"You know, the new line of officers ion't half bed." "Nope, they're All bed!"



A Doctor and Plumber are in the same Lodge. On Sunday Morning the Doctor wakes up to find his toilet blocked. So he rings the Plumber. "But I do not work Sundays! Can't it wait until tomorrow." The Doctor said. "I do not like working Sundays either but if you were in trouble, and felt unwell, Brother I would come round to see you" "Ok" says the Plumber and goes round to the Doctor. Goes upstairs and looks at the toilet, take two asprins from his pocket and throws them down the bowel. "There" he says "If it's no better tomorrow give me a ring and I will call round."





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.



Masonic Education

On Yonder Book Charge by M.W. Eddie M. Guevara, P.G.M. (sometimes referred to as the "Traveling Charge")

In Mason's Lodge, with darkened eyes With cable tow about me, I swore to hale all mysteries, That Masons keep, and Masons prize, All brothers' secrets whispered low, All words they speak, all things they do, In mystic manner taught me.

On yonder Book that Oath I took, And will I break it? Never! But stand by this, and this, and this, Forever and forever.

I swore to answer and obey, All summons sent me duly, By brothers' hand or Lodge array, I swore that I would never stray, From Ancient laws and rules that bound, Freemasons in days renowned, But would observe them truly.

I swore to lead with generous care, All those in sorrow hidden, A brother on the darkened square, The mourners with disheveled hair, The orphan doomed, alas, to stray, Upon a rough and rugged way, While tears gush forth unbidden.

I swore to deal in honesty, With each true heart around me, That Honor ... bright should ever be, Unbroken bonds 'tween him and me, Nor wrong nor guile, nor cruel fraud, Should ever break the sacred cord, By which my vows have bound me.

I swore the Portals close to guard, Of the Masonic Temple, To rid the quarries of their dross, To build each mystic wall across, With body perfect, upright heart, And mind mature in moral art In Precept and example.

I swore the Chastity to guard, Of Mason's widow, wife, or child, His mother or sister, undefiled. To them I pledge a brother's love, By Him who rules the Lodge above, To be a true defender.

My Brother (or Brothers): These are your Vows, Be they your cares. And may such aid be given, In answer to your earnest prayer, That you may ever do and dare, All that God's gracious Laws enjoin, So that when evening shades decline, You may be found in Heaven. On yonder Book these Oaths we took, And will we break them? Never: But stand by this, and this, and this, Forever and forever.



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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Telephone: (049) 6241-591516 (Lodge Secretary RW Brother Bob) E-Mail Lodge Secretary: <u>youngroberte@aol.com</u> We hope you enjoy your Newsletter and

we look forward to hearing from you!

Your Elected and Appointed Officers

Worshipful Master W Brother Stanley L Ream

Senior Warden Brother Luke Mason

Junior Warden Brother Brady A Caulder

Treasurer Brother Ruediger G. Glaser Secretary RW Brother Robert "Bob" Young (PM)

Chaplin W Brother Komla C. Ezo (PM)

Senior Deacon Brother Stefanos Tsachtidis

Junior Deacon W Brother Michael A Howson

Marshal Brother Vivianos Adandogou

Senior Stewart Brother Christian A. Koerk

Junior Stewart VW Brother Ward R Williamson

Tyler Brother Jannis Olf



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Freemasonry 300th Years Tricentenial Masonic Medallion remains and continues to be the most sought after gift, souvenir, or masonic archive by Masons. If you interested in ordering email MW Brother Eddie Guevara at eddiemguevara@gmail.com.

