

PETER M. RASMUSSEN LODGE 916 AF & AM

TRESTLE BOARD

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From the East

MW Brother Eddie M.
Guevara

Master

Today (26 August 2017) I stand here with both a great honor and a grave sense of duty and responsibility, as the 30TH Master of Peter M. Rasmussen Lodge 916 in its 45th year since consecrated 25 March 1972, a Lodge built upon incredible history and deep rooted time honored Masonic customs and tradition.

The officers you have elected and those that I have chosen for appointments have been solemnly installed, and I am honored to have had the privileged to install you. Today I have taken yet another obligation and swore to live up to them in front of family, friends, and Brothers but most importantly in the presence of Almighty God; I pray he gives me the strength, wisdom, and perseverance to accomplish our goals and as your faithful servant.

We are officers who have voluntarily accepted certain obligations, declarations, made commitments, and have recognized the responsibilities which come with our new roles as elected and appointed, committee leaders and your faithful servants.



There are several programs begun that has yet to mature and become integrated into our Lodges. We are not to reinvent the wheel, but to improve on these programs already in place. Every member of this team must be committed to making a difference to our members. Let us take the Lodge as we find it, but let us leave it a better place. "

There are so many dreams, so many aspirations, so many hopes for a better Lodge for our members, there are so many paths that we can choose to make a difference, so many opportunities to explore, to make this Noble Craft better and greater, than when we came into it. However, the only way we will find the roads to success is through team efforts, ambition, and education. Each of us has different talents, different dreams, and different destinations, but we all have the same power to make a new tomorrow as volunteers - we are Masons.

Let us all take some share of the responsibility in ensuring these adjustments take place. Since there is a need for all of us to become involved, I have chosen as my theme for the year —"Make the Difference". We all have a responsibility to our Lodge and society in building and fostering a better future for generation to come.

As we join in celebrating Freemasonry 300 Years (1717 - 2017), PMR 916 speaks volume to its commitment to the fidelity of Brotherhood for 45 Years you have done well historically in making a difference to Freemasonry and for the good of society.

In closing, I thank you for the confidence you have reposed in me and urge you each to, Make the Difference and enjoy your Freemasonry!



Celebrating 300 years of
Freemasonry (1717 - 2017)

To the fidelity in Brotherhood we celebrated Freemasonry 300 Years (1717-2017). Lecturing the history of Freemasonry which started on June 24, 1717. The first grand lodge of Masons in the world was organized in London on June 24, 1717, in the Goose and Gridiron Tavern, It was formed by four "time immemorial" lodges; lodges whose origins are lost in the mists of time.

The Goose and Gridiron tavern was the meeting place of what later became known as the Lodge of Antiquity, and in these borrowed premises the first Grand Lodge was formed. It wasn't until 1776 the Grand Lodge build it first home at a site which is still the location of the headquarters of the United Grand Lodges of England in Great Queen Street.

From its origin to the present hour, in all its vicissitudes, Masonry has been the steady unvarying friend of man.

We collectively through your participation and attendance made a difference to this historic event being celebrated worldwide!

*Limited Edition Masonic
Tricentennial Coin to
commemorate Freemasonry
300 Years only happens once if
you are interested email
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2017-2018

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Junior Deacon
Brother Brady A. Caulder

Marshal
Worshipful Brother Vivianos
Adandogou (PM)

Senior Stewart
Brother Stanley Reams

Junior Stewart
Very Worshipful Brother Ward
Williamson (PM)

Tyler
Brother Luke Mason



September/October Birthdays

Brother Thomas E. Tierney Sep 4, 1937
Brother Gerald R. Dodd Sep 4, 1937
Brother Lawrence C. Young Sep 5, 1946
Brother Peter M. Borrios Sep 6, 1945
Brother Troy Barton Sep 10, 1964
Brother Jerry M. Burns Sep 11, 1936
Brother Billy Joe Staffiles Sep 23, 1980
WB Ronald W. Strading Sep 24, 1970
Brother Billy Neal Sep 25, 1945
Brother John E. Ralston Sep 27, 1944
Brother Luke Mason Sep 29, 1987

W Brother Matthew J. Baker Oct 2, 1969
Brother Leland E. Irvin Oct 14, 1929
Brother Jimmy D. Hix Oct 16, 1953
Brother Lane L. Weible Oct 22, 1954
Brother Anthony D. Crump Oct 18, 1954
Brother Daniel Moreno Oct 29, 1957

RW



From the Secretary
Brother Bob Young

Greetings Most Worshipful
Brothers, Very Worshipful
Brothers, Worshipful
Brothers, Brothers all.

Our Lodge has 75 members 13 here in Germany 1 in Latvia, 1 in Porto Rico. And 50 living and loving in downtown USA.

Our new Master recently sent out a newly developed Peter M Rasmussen Membership Roster requesting each Brother review the details on the Roster and reply. With any corrections or a note that all is OK. The Roster was sent out on 28 August containing your information as of 26 August 2017. To date we have received about 15 replies. If you have as yet responded please look this new Roster over and send the Lodge a reply. It is our desire to stay in contact with each and every one of you, and keep you update on what's happening in PMR 916 Lodge and in Freemasonry. The goal is to communicate and bring the news to you. Thank you for your time and attention to this goal.



In Memory of our Departed Brother's

Think of Brother John Justice, Brother William "Buck" Buford and Brother Lee L. Guice, 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 Brethren 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.

Worshipful Brother John E. Justice of Frederick MD, passed away on 18 August 2017.

He is survived by Karen, his wife, friend and partner. Brother John served 31 years as a proud member of the US Army Intelligence Corps.

He retired the rank of Colonel in the year 2000.

Brother John stayed a member of Gauley Bridge Lodge number 64 in WV, where he entered Freemasonry and made MM 23 August 1968. He Affiliated with Perter M Rasmussen Lodge number 916 25 March 1972 as a Founding Member. And was the first elected Lodge Secretary from June 1972 till September 1973. And maintained his membership with PMR 916 Worms Germany. After retiring from military service Brother John Affiliated with Acacia Lodge number 155 of Thurmont MD where he served as the Master and thereafter served as Secretary. His funeral service was conducted Saturday 26 August 2017 and the day was concluded with a Masonic Memorial Service at 2:30 that afternoon. He will be buried with full military honours in Arlington National Cemetery.

Brother William "Buck" Buford of Cleveland TX, passed away 30 April 2017. He was born 5 October 1934, in Houston TX. He is survived by two brothers, Ted Buford of Vienna, VA and Ron Buford of Austin, TX, and daughter Lisa Keefe of Cleveland TX. He was preceded in death by his second wife, Martha. His son, Wayne Buford born on 1 December 1955 passed away on 4 May 2017. His military career began with a direct commission in 1957 in the Texas National Guard in Infantry. His unit transitioned to the 49th Armored Division, he transitioned to Amor, and the unit was called to active duty. While on active duty, he transitioned to the Signal Corps, and served two tours in Vietnam as a fixed wing aviator. He transitioned to Military Police and criminal Investigation and was the Director of Confinement at the US Army Disciplinary Barracks, Ft Leavenworth, KS. After retirement from the military he served as the Warden of the Allegheny County Prison in PA. In his next assignment as Vice Principal at

LaMarque High School he was affectionately known as "The Warden".

Brother Buck was a Master Mason in Good Standing of Trinity Lodge Number 14 TX. Where he entered Masonry and made MM 26 Oct 1962. A Royal Arch Mason in The Goodwin-Hiram Chapter No. 1 of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of NJ. A Royal and Select Master of the Field Council No. 12 of The Most Puissant Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of NJ. A 32d Degree KCCH with A&A Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, SJ, Valley of Huston, Orient of Texas. A Sir Knight in the Carson Commandery No. 15 of the Knights Templar, Red Bank, NJ. And a member of Peter M Rasmussen Lodge No. 916 Worms Germany.

His family thanked the caregivers, nurses, and staff at William R. Courtney Veteran's Home in Temple TX, for their care and service. Memorials in lieu of flowers were sent to Oak Shade Baptist Church. The Graveside service was held at 4:00 pm, Saturday, 5 May 2017 at Oak Shade Cemetery, Cleveland, TX.

Brother Lee J Guice of Kenner LA, passed away Friday 19 February 2016. He is survived by his sister-in-law Margie Guice. Brother Lee leaves behind his beloved companion JoAnn Chatelain, who he has enjoyed the last 23 years of his life traveling, fishing and spending time with. He was a proud U.S. Army veteran who served in the Korean and Vietnam wars. He retired after 21 years of dedicated service to his nation. After his career in the military, he worked for Pan American Life Insurance Company, where he eventually retired. He was a member of Peter M. Rasmussen Lodge 916 Worms Germany Brotherhood of Freemasons for 52 years. His funeral service was at Leitz-Eagan Funeral Home at 4747 Veterans Blvd, Metairie, LA, on Saturday, 27 February 2016, at 1:00 pm. Interment immediately followed in Garden of Memories Cemetery

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Lodge Calendar

September 6

- a. Annual Communication (WM, TRE, SEC reports)
- b. Business meeting
- c. Register e.V.
- d. Approve any Changes to Bylaws
- e. Lodge of Instruction

October 4

- a. Lodge of Sorrow
- b. Business meeting
- c. Lodge of instruction
- d. Update PMR website (ACGL)
- f. Visit PMR grave site



Our Community

Beyond their commitment to individual and growth and leadership, Masons are deeply involved in their communities. Through all forms of charitable giving and community service. Mason feels it is their obligation to contribute to the care and wellbeing of their fellow men.

As we all know our lodge members are spread throughout the world and that we are unique in that our community is also spread as to where you reside there being your local community and State. We have members in CA, GA, TN, OK, AZ, FL, VA,

IL, MI, MO, PA, MA, AL, TX, CO, IN MD, DE, KY, Puerto Rico, Latvia and Germany. And some are serving in the Uniform Service and their community involvement comes with and service to their Nation. Your service and contribution to your community speaks volume to your character as Masons of this Lodge.

Brethren, in the wake of Hurricane Harvey and Irma. And also on the radar are Hurricane Jose and Katia. There have been a lot of brothers asking how they can help out in States time of need and the simple way to do your part. If you are affected to please update your Lodge and if you are in need for support and immediate to request accordingly. If you are not living in the affected areas to keep victims in your thoughts and prayers, and participate in your local community in whatever manner your ability permits.



What is Freemasonry?

"A beautiful system of morality, veiled in allegory, illustrated by symbols."

"The strength of Freemasonry is in its loyalty to each other." - Vasilios Karpos

"There are no strangers in Freemasonry, only friends you've yet to meet." - Author Unknown

"To enlarge the sphere of social happiness is worthy of the benevolent design of a Masonic institution; and it is most fervently to be wished, that the conduct of every member of the fraternity, as well as those publications, that discover the principles which actuate them, may tend to convince mankind that the grand object of Masonry is to promote the happiness of the human race." - George Washington

"Many writers and thinkers have tried to define Freemasonry but it really defeats definition. It is too complex, too profound in conception, to easily

express in words. Perhaps the simplest and best definition of all is the phrase 'the brotherhood of man under the fatherhood of God.' Our Masonic forefathers had an understanding of human needs and human aspirations. They may never have dreamed of the mindless computer which governs our lives, or the fission of matter which threatens our lives, but they understood human nature and what motivates the spirit of man. Thus from a simple process of using stone and mortar for building they progressed to the most important of life's functions, the building of character." - Louis L. Williams

"Freemasonry is an institution calculated to benefit mankind". Andrew Jackson

undergoing renovations?

One night a traveling salesman asked the desk clerk who all those men going into the room were.

The desk clerk replied: "Oh, those are the Masons."

The salesman said: "Oh, I've always wanted to join that lodge. Do you think they would let me in?"

"Oh, no," said the clerk. "They're awful exclusive. Why, you see that poor guy standing outside the door with a sword? He's been knocking for six months and they still won't let him in!!!"

Masonic



Anniversary 50 Years Mason or more



Brother Leland E. Irvin Nov 28, 1960
 Brother Bruce J. Hood Jan 28 1965
 Brother Lowell J. Mills Jr. Feb 15, 1966
 Brother Billy C. Vaughn Apr 19, 1966
 W Brother Gerald R. Dodd Dec 12, 1966
 Brother Thomas F. Kiefer Aug 15, 1967
 Brother Thomas R. Wright Nov 2, 1967
 Brother Jay P. Hoschstaine Nov 25, 1967



We Labored



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

On the Lighter Side

Have you heard of the Lodge that was holding its meetings in the ball room of the local hotel while its building was



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If you have an interest in joining the Freemasons and would like more information, please contact Robert Young below and we will be delighted to arrange for someone to contact you for a no obligation, informal chat or email.

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Masonic Education

What is the difference between AF and AM vs F and AM STATES?

AF and AM stands for Ancient Free and Accepted Masons.

F and AM stands for Free and Accepted Masons.

In actuality, it does not matter whether you join an AF & AM lodge or an F & AM lodge in the United States.

In the U.S., every regular lodge is under the jurisdiction of its state Grand Lodge. Due to the fact that there is no Grand Lodge Headquarters for each state's separate Grand Lodge, each state's Grand Lodge is, therefore, its own "headquarters" within that state's jurisdiction.

All Freemasons, both AF & AM (which means Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, as well as F & AM, which means Free and Accepted Masons, trace their allegorical history back to the building of Solomon's temple in the Holy Scriptures.

Freemasonry was exported to the British Colonies in North America in the 1730s— with both the "Ancients" (sometimes also referred to as "Antients") and the "Moderns" (as well as the Grand Lodges of Ireland and Scotland) which chartered offspring ("daughter") lodges, and organized various Provincial Grand Lodges.

After the American Revolution, independent U.S. Grand Lodges formed within each state.

Ancient Free and Accepted Masons versus Free and Accepted Masons

From 1751 to 1813, there were actually 2 Grand Lodges in England. The difference in AF and AM vs F and AM states goes back to a disagreement between these 2 Grand Lodges in London at that time.

One group was called the "Moderns", but was actually the older of the 2 English Grand Lodges. The other group was called the "Antients", which became the "Ancients" in AF and AM.

Due to this disagreement, the 2 groups broke into separate Grand Lodges. The disagreement was later healed around 1880, but by that time, there were lodges and Grand Lodges all over the United States that were descended from one group or the other, and so each group kept their corresponding initials with which they were formed, (which is the reason for which there are small differences within different states' ritual wording and Grand Lodge By-Laws and procedures).

Most Grand Lodges in the U.S. recognize each other and treat each other's members as valid Masons.

Also, all of the U.S. Grand Lodges recognize (and are recognized by) the official Grand Lodges of England, Ireland, Scotland and the Grand Lodges in most of Europe, Asia, Africa, South America, Thailand, India, etc.

Read more: <http://www.masonic-lodge-of-education.com/af-and-am-vs-f-and-am-states.html#ixzz4s6ccifTl>



Immediate Past Master
Worshipful Brother Komla C. Ezo

Six years ago, when I was installed Master of the Lodge, I stood and declared before you that I was a very, very Happy Man. Tonight, I stand before you a very, very Grateful Man. And I find myself again speechless.

Truly, it is with great humility, with pride and honor even, to be presented with the Past Master's Apron, Certificate but particularly the Jewel. Moreover, it is not always that a Past Grand Master is asked to award these precious Masonic items. Incidentally, MW Guevara is a close family friend. Thank you MW Eddie.

I accept these tokens with deep gratitude to each and every one of you. Thank you very much. I fear my eyes may flow with tears of joy though I beg for them not to show.

Surely, I will treasure them forever and shall be deposited in a most important place among my Masonic mementos.

In all modesty, my watch as Worshipful Master represented a time when human interaction was based primarily on charity, cooperation and mutual aid. It was hoped that my term shall be that of unselfish collective efforts where we were to work together as equal partners laboring toward the same vision.

Perhaps, the greatest blessing in my life is simply the presence of people like you who care much, whose love is real and sees much beyond yourselves. I believe that no person was ever honored for what they received.

Instead, Honor will always be the reward for what they gave. And that only a life lived for others is a life worthwhile.

And, I honor you, my dear brethren, for doing so!

To my ever-tolerant and treasured wife, thank you for your absolute thoughtfulness and encouragement ... for your unwavering kind

appreciation on the importance of Masonry in my life.

To our dearly prized and beloved son and daughter, thank you too for understanding. It is also my humble hope that I gave justice to the office you have entrusted to me. Now that my stint as your Worshipful Master comes to an end, I pray that for all these, may God continue to guide and bless Peter M. Rasmussen Lodge 916.



The Trestle Board is the official bimonthly newsletter promoting the projects, events, and members of Peter M. Rasmussen Lodge 916 AF & AM. It is circulated to all members and ACGL. Publication bimonthly are Jan, Mar, May, Jul, Sep and November.