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LODGE 916 AF & AM
**TRESTLE
BOARD**

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From the East
Worshipful Brother Stanley Ream
Master

Brethren, I start with the first item on my 2019 Trestle Board expressing my gratitude and to thank you (resident and non-residence) for your dedication and faithful service to our Lodge. I will continue to motivate and encourage the importance in practicing the precept and principles inculcated in the three degrees in your daily lives, its duties, responsibilities and teachings. My heartfelt gratitude to all that you do in your Community, Lodge, and to the Brotherhood of Freemasonry.



The Officers and Members join with me in extending Greetings on your Masonic Birthday (January and February).



January 2019

7 Years

Brother Thomas M.
Sutton Jan 4, 2012

34 Years

Brother Richard A.
Brown Jan 9, 1985
Brother Dewey W. Morse
Jan 22, 1985



Brother Nigel R. Fursdon
Jan 24, 1984

42 Years

Brother John C. Cooper
Jan 25, 1977

43 Years

Brother Thomas E.
Tierney Jan 21, 1976

February 2019

17 Years

Brother Matthew J.
Baker Feb 26, 2002



Brother Frank P. Bajus
Feb 16, 1999

29 Years
Brother Daniel M.
Morrow Feb 5, 1990

43 Years
Brother Richard R.
Emmart Feb 14, 1977

51 Years
Brother JW Hall Feb
20, 1968

54 Years
Brother Bruce J. Hood
Jan 28, 1965

*Thank you for your
service to our Lodge
and to the Brotherhood
of Freemasonry.*



January Birthdays

5th
Brother Larry J. Boyd

16th
Brother Frank Q. Cook

18th
Brother Richard P.
Marshall

19th
Brother Bruce J. Hood

21th
Brother John M.
Reever

26th
RW Brother Robert
"Bob" Young

February Birthdays

2nd
Brother Charles A. Hart

12th
Brother Stanley Reams

29th
W Brother Michael
Osswald



Lodge Calendar

January 2

- a. Stated Business meeting
- b. Beehive Award to two deserving Brothers
- c. WM New Year reception (What the New Year brings to you will depend a great deal on what you bring to the New Year!) Make a Difference!
- d. Lodge of Instruction
- e. 1 Jan: New Year's Day!
- f. 21 Jan: Martin Luther King Jr

February
Stated Meeting

- a. Lodge of Instruction
- b. 8- PGM Right Worshipful Brother Peter Marius Rasmussen remembered (Altar draped in Black)
- c. 14- Valentine Day
- d. 18- Presidents Day. PMR 916 Acknowledged Presidents of USA who are Masons



Our Community

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

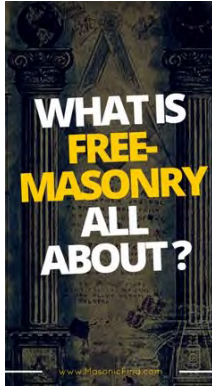
State. We have members in CA, GA, TN, OK, AZ, FL, VA, IL, MI, MO, PA, MA, AL, TX, CO, IN, MD, DE, KY, Latvia and Germany. And some are serving the Uniform Service and their community involvement comes with and service to their Nation. Your service and contribution to your community speaks volume to your character as Masons of this Lodge making a difference.

I know how much you have given voluntarily of your time toward your community service and expecting nothing in return during 2018.

To thank you adequately is impossible. Some have spent long after hours rebuilding and assisting those in need after the devastation and aftermath of hurricanes, earth quake, tornedo, fires and other disaster, sacrificing your personal time for the greater good of your community, citizenry and society.

I do hope you have gained some inner satisfaction in knowing through your efforts you have made your particular community a better place to live.

Thank you sincerely for all the wholehearted assistance and brotherly love and relief making a difference!



What is

Freemasonry?

The first question that is usually asked by a non-Mason is "What is freemasonry?" There are many definitions of the word, but none are complete since the organization embraces a wide scope of activity. A very short definition provided is:

"Freemasonry is a fraternal organization, religious in character, based on the principle of the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man which does charitable work in the community through its members. In addition, its teachings and ceremonies seek to make good men better and thereby make the world a better place in which to live."

Freemasonry is a "voluntary" society in that no one is invited to become a member. Unlike college fraternities and other organizations, Freemasonry never solicits anyone to become a member. As a matter of fact, it is a violation of Masonic law for a member to invite anyone to join. A prospective member

must truly come of his own free will and accord.

Freemasonry is not a religion. Sometimes outsiders claim that Freemasonry is a religion. Most Freemasons do belong to an established Church. Freemasonry is religious in that one cannot become a Freemason unless he believes in God, but there is no religious test applied to the prospective member, nor is he required or asked to subscribe to any religious tenet or dogma. It is forbidden to discuss religion or politics in the Lodge.

Freemasonry is not a "secret society." A secret society is one that keeps its existence in secret, and whose members do not make known their affiliation with the group. Freemasonry is not a secret society because it does not hide its existence, and members do not hide their membership. On the contrary, the organization meets in buildings located in public, announces its meetings in newspapers and magazines, engraves the words "Masonic Temple" on many of its buildings, publishes periodicals, and has homes for orphans and the aged.

The degrees of Freemasonry consist of ceremonies of a strictly serious nature, which teach basic moral truths in an impressive and

solemn manner. When the degrees are completed, the new member is provided a ritual that contains a philosophy of rite that provides the new member with something on which to build a hope that is eternal.

Freemasons are proud to proclaim to the world that we are a serious organization of mature men. An organization that instills a love of God, teaches charity in its broadest sense, and shows each member how to live a better life.

Non-Masons sometimes wonder at the close bond that exists between Freemasons. There is a simple explanation: Masons are bound together by the deep and abiding knowledge that each of them, during the ceremonies of the degrees, has accepted certain high ethical standards of conduct. These standards ensure a bond of faith and confidence.

Thousands of books have been published on the subject of Freemasonry. The matters discussed in this newsletter are just a few of the things about the organization, but it contains enough information to show that Freemasonry is one of the great organizations of the world and a steady influence in a faltering civilization.

WE HERE FROM OUR MEMBERS !

Brother Al Robles (Sierra Vista AZ).

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

It is that time of the year to remember those close to our hart ~ time to remember our dearest Brothers and Sisters of

Lodge 916 !!

Hope you can read my hand writing ; the computer is upstairs and because another surgery on my right hip it is hard to go upstairs.

My son Angel just returned from a tour in Afghanistan ! He is now in Fort Hood Texas. We are hoping - is assignment to Germany so we can visit with our Brothers and Sisters in Worms. We have so many things to remember Worms as we were in that historic city. I remember our days walking to the Rhein River, enjoying coffee and cake and walking back or ride the bus. Enclosed you can find my dues for 2019. You can use the balance for what you need.

We wish you a Merry Christmas !!

If you are ever in this area, please stop and see us.

Regards Al

Brother Richard Marshall (Macon-Bibb GA).

Wrote on his \$100.00 donation check To PMR 916 Charity

No change of my address.

Thank the Lord and Praise GOD!!!

Singed Brother Richard

Brother Stephen Slyfield (Williamsburg VA).

Sent the Lodge an email. Dear Brothers: Merry Christmas to all!

Thank you, for the Newsletters.

Brother Stephen

Brother Jay P Hochstaine ((Nokesville VA)

FOUNDER MEMBER & Honorary Past Master

Sent the Lodge his 2019 Dues: with an extra check of \$50.00 for Charity.

Signed Jay P Hochsteine

Brother Loyal Johnson (Washougal WA) Writes. Greetings Brothers.

Thank you for the Trestle Board. I enjoy reading it.

Inclosed are my dues for 2019.

Thanks Again.

Brother Loyal Johnson

Brother Walter Coffing (Gloucester VA)

We pray all is well&flourishing in PMR 916



A mason who had just been installed as Master of his lodge and was duly attending all the functions he could was having a hard time with his wife who said... " All those masters-in-office have to do is click their fingers and you would be there wouldn't you?.....I wish I was a master!" After due thought, he said... "So do I dear..... we swap them for a new one every year!!"

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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