

Maryland Masonic Research Society

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Meeting

Saturday, May 6, 2017

Topic: Parallel Universes and Eternal Life

One of the 25 Landmarks of Masonry is, "that every Mason must believe in a resurrection to a future life." Scientists are now convinced that there are parallel universes. Is it possible that a future or eternal life exists there? And how might a transition to it occur?

Presenter: John Maclay

John Maclay is a Past President of MMRS, a Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Maryland, a Past Master of two Lodges, a Past Grand Inspector, and a past presiding officer of five other Masonic units.

Meeting Location:

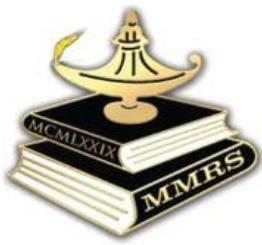
Silver Spring #215 Lodge
410 University Blvd., West
Silver Spring, MD 20901

Directions available at [link](#). Enter at back of building.

Lunch at 12 noon: \$20 payable at the door

Meeting and Presentation 1 pm

RSVP: Please contact the Secretary at mmrs1979@gmail.com or 240-398-9546 to confirm your attendance by Wednesday, May 3, 2017



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President's Message

Dear Companions,

Greetings to my fellow MMRS members. Our March 11, 2017, meeting was fun and informative. Both the food and the conversation before the meeting were excellent. During the meeting, we received two new members into the Society. Edward Heimiller, the curator of the Stephen J. Ponzillo, Jr., Memorial Library & Museum of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Maryland, gave a talk on the library and museum and the resources available to researchers there. After the meeting, Mr. Heimiller was kind enough to give an impromptu tour of the Museum for the attendees that were interested. I hope to see everyone at our next meeting on May 6, 2017.

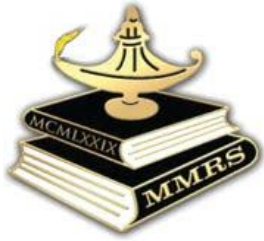
Fraternally and Sincerely.

Joe Martellotta,
President

Upcoming Events of Interest

Future Meeting Dates – Our Annual Festive Board is scheduled for Monday evening, August 7, 2017, in Columbia, MD. Future regular meetings are planned for Saturday, October 14, 2017 and Saturday, December 2, 2017. Additional information on speakers and locations will be provided closer to those dates.

Abstracts and Proposals Due 1 May 2017 – If you're interested in presenting at the upcoming Quatuor Coronati 14 – 16 September 2018 Conference at the George Washington Masonic National Memorial, "*Freemasons in the Transatlantic World in the Long 18th Century*," you need to submit an abstract and proposal of up to 500 words, plus a brief CV in the body of an email to the committee c/o Professor Susan Summers at susan.sommers@stvincent.edu, with "QC 2018" in the subject line. The closing date for the first round of submissions is 1 May 2017.



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Minutes of March 11, 2017

Following the luncheon, a meeting of the Maryland Masonic Research Society was called to order at 1:05 P.M. in the Roman Room of Grand Lodge of Maryland by President Joe Martellotta.

The attendance totaled 20 with 14 Companions and six guests. Please refer to the Attendance Book for more detail.

The Minutes of our December 3, 2016, meeting were approved as distributed. Treasurer Sharonlee J. Vogel, P.P., and Chaplain John Maclay, P.P., were installed by President Joe Martellotta. Petitions were approved for Hubert Webb and Bernhard Zinkgraf. The Secretary announced the upcoming Quatuor Coronati 14 – 16 September 2018 Conference at the George Washington Masonic National Memorial, “*Freemasons in the Transatlantic World in the Long 18th Century*,” with proposals due 1 May 2017. Additional information is available in this Newsletter. The Treasurer’s Report was presented and a change in the cost of lunch to \$20 was recommended, seconded, and approved, as was payment for lunch (\$332.99) and a contribution to the Grand Lodge for use of the facility (\$50).

Grand Lodge Curator Ed Heinmuller was introduced. He presented on the history of the Maryland Grand Lodge Library and Museum, examples of its holdings and how to use it for research. For example, their oldest item is a 1482 Bible printed in Venice. He mentioned the upcoming travel opportunities that Saturday and on April 30, 2017 for Friends (membership information at <http://www.mdmasonicmuseum.org/friend/>). There was a lively discussion after the presentation. There was a motion to provide a \$50 donation to the Library and Museum which was seconded and passed. Curator Ed Heinmuller offered to provide a tour of the Library and Museum following the close of our meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:50 in peace and harmony.