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Meeting

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Topic: Masonic Funerals: Identity, Performance, and Transformation

Constructing a public-facing identity of Freemasonry within historical, contemporary, and theoretical contexts.

Presenter: Carolyn Bain, Ph.D.

A member of the Order of the Eastern Star, Texas Chapter #219 and president of the award-winning, digital media services firm, Bain Pugh & Associates, Inc., Carolyn Bain, Ph.D., is a noted researcher, author, and presenter. For the Masonic Service Association (MSA), she co-authored the publication, "Moving Masonry into the 21st Century," and consulted on the Mark Twain Award Project. For the Scottish Rite Southern Jurisdiction, she produced the award-winning film, "On the Wings of Words." She has spoken for many Masonic audiences including the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania and the International Conference on the History of Freemasonry (ICHF).

Meeting Location:

Laurel Wreath #149 Lodge
209 Washington Blvd.
Laurel, MD 20797
Directions available at [link](#). Enter at back of building.

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

Meeting and Presentation at 1 pm

RSVP: Please contact the Secretary at mmrs1979@gmail.com or 240-398-9546 to confirm your attendance Tuesday, October 10, 2017



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President's Message

Greetings, fellow MMRS members,

Our August 7, 2017 Festive Board was a wonderful success. Before the talk, we enjoyed interesting and fun conversation amongst ourselves, hors d'oeuvres and a delicious meal. Walter Benesch's excellent presentation on Josephine Baker was both informative and entertaining. The Q&A/discussion session afterward was lively.

Our next meeting will be on October 14 at Laurel Wreath Lodge #149. Carolyn Bain will be giving the talk on Masonic Funeral Rite and the Public Face of the Fraternity. For more details, see the announcement on the first page. Hope to see you there.

Fraternally and Sincerely.

Joe Martellotta,
President

Upcoming Event of Interest

Future Meeting Date – Our last regular meeting for 2017 and election of 2018 officers is planned for Saturday, December 2, 2017. Additional information on the speaker and location will be provided closer to that date.

Minutes of August 7, 2017

Following the open bar and hors d'oeuvres, a meeting of the Maryland Masonic Research Society was called to order at 7:15 p.m. in the dining room of King's Contrivance Restaurant in Columbia, MD by President Joe Martellotta.

The attendance totaled 24 with 18 Companions and six guests. Please refer to the Attendance Book for more detail.

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The Minutes of our May 6, 2017 meeting were approved as distributed. Petitions were approved for Isabelle de Montagu. Payment was recommended, seconded, and approved for dinner and the website. The Festive Board was then opened and conducted. Past President, S. Brent Morris provided the instruction and oversaw the Good Fire for each Toast. At the appropriate time. Companion Walter Benesch provided a a multi-media presentation on, Josephine Baker: Erotic Dancer, Entertainer, WWII Hero, Humanitarian, Mason.” There was lively appreciation and a discussion after the presentation.

The upcoming meeting will be held Saturday, October 14, 2017, a presentation by Carolyn Bain on the identity of Freemasonry funerals over time – from its origins to the 21st century in Laurel, MD. The last meeting of the year is planned for Saturday, December 2, 2017, with elections and a presentation by Companion Dirk Wiker on an esoteric rite worked in the 1760’s in Warsaw.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 p.m. peace and harmony.