



# Maryland Masonic Research Society

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## Regular Meeting and Election/Installation of Officers

Saturday, December 2, 2017

**Topic:** The Good Shepherd: An Eighteenth Century Masonic System

Du Bon Pasteur (The Good Shepherd) is an obscure and esoteric order of Freemasonry that was practiced in Poland in the mid-1700's. This twelve degree system combines elements of Gnosticism, alchemy, kabbalah, and chivalry in the same system. The presentation will discuss the degrees of the Bon Pasteur system and compare them to others practiced in Masonic systems then and now.

**Presenter:** Companion S. Dirk Wiker

S. Dirk Wiker has been a Mason since 2006 and is the Past Master of Annapolis Lodge No. 89 (2012). He is Past High Priest of Mt. Vernon Royal Arch Chapter No. 25 and the current Thrice Illustrious Master of Harmony Council No. 20 in Annapolis, MD. He is also the Wise Master of the Meredith Chapter of Rose Croix in the Valley of Baltimore, Orient of Maryland, Ancient & Accepted Scottish Rite, SJ. Other Masonic organizations include the Shrine, Allied Masonic Degrees, and the Red Cross of Constantine. Professionally, he is the Director of Security Engineering at the Social Security Administration in Baltimore, MD.

**Meeting Location:**

Annapolis Lodge #89  
162 Conduit Street  
Annapolis, MD 21401

Directions available at [link](#).

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

**Meeting and Presentation at 1 pm with the election and installation of 2018 Officers following**

**RSVP:** Please contact the Secretary at [mmrs1979@gmail.com](mailto:mmrs1979@gmail.com) or 240-398-9546 to confirm your attendance Tuesday, November 28, 2017.



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## President's Message

Greetings, fellow MMRS members,

Our October 14 meeting at Laurel Wreath Lodge #149 was great. Before the talk we enjoyed interesting and fun conversation amongst ourselves and a delicious meal. Carolyn Bain's talk on "**Masonic Funerals: Identity, Performance, and Transformation**" was fascinating and gave us all something to think about. The discussion after the talk was lively and thought provoking. I want to thank Carolyn for giving the talk. Also, I want to thank my fellow officers for all their hard work which made our October 14 meeting a success. A big thank you also to David Theilman, who was able to book Laurel Wreath Lodge for the Society's meeting.

Our next meeting will be Saturday December 2, 2017. We will be electing and installing our 2018 officers. Also, Bro. Dirk Wiker will be giving a talk on "The Good Shepherd: An Eighteenth Century Masonic System". Hope to see you there.

Fraternally and Sincerely,

Joe Martellotta,  
President

## Minutes of October 14, 2017

Following the luncheon, a meeting of the Maryland Masonic Research Society was called to order at 1 p.m. in the Temple of the Laurel Wreath #149 Lodge by President Joe Martellotta.

The attendance totaled 16 with 11 Companions and five (5) guests. Please refer to the Attendance Book for more detail.

The Minutes of our August 7, 2017 were approved as distributed. Payment was recommended, seconded, and approved for lunch and the web site. Our Laurel

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host was thanked and requested to give our greetings and appreciation to their Worshipful Master for the use of the facility.

Companion Carolyn Bain, Ph.D. was welcomed, and she presented on “Masonic Funerals: Identity, Performance, and Transformation”. There was a lively discussion after the presentation. Copies of the paper are expected to be made available and will be added to the member section of the MMRS website.

The meeting was adjourned at 2 pm in peace and harmony.