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Monday, August 6, 2018 at the

King's Contrivance Restaurant
10150 Shaker Drive, Columbia, MD 21046
Directions available at [link](#).

Cash Bar - 6:30 p.m.

Dinner – 7 p.m.

Cost: \$50.00 per person for dinner, beverage, and gratuity

RSVP: Seating is limited so to ensure your seat (and any guests of yours), RSVP to the Secretary at mmrs1979@gmail.com or 240-398-9546 by Friday, June 22, 2018. Instructions for payment will be sent and should be received by July 9, 2018 to confirm your attendance or your reservation will be released.

Distinguished Presentation: "The Evolution of the Mason Word"

Freemasons are notorious for their "secrets" -- real or imagined, benign or sinister. The year 1637 saw the first known mention of the "Mason Word," the Freemasons' method of identifying (and commanding?) each other. This paper looks at the known references to the Mason word during the eighteenth century and follows the evolution of public understanding of this central piece of Masons' identity.

Presenter: S. Brent Morris, P.P. and Ph.D.

Brother Morris 33^o is Past President of the Maryland Masonic Research Society, Past Master of Patmos Lodge No. 70 (Ellicott City, MD) and the Quatuor Coronati Lodge No. 2076 (London), current managing editor of The Scottish Rite Journal, Grand Abbot of the Society of Blue Friars, and author and editor of numerous books and articles on Freemasonry. He is a Fellow of the Philalethes Society and an honorary Fellow of the Phylaxis Society, the recipient of the Grand Cross or Honour. He is a mathematician by training and a magician by inclination.

"Masonic Enlightenment Through Research"



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President's Message

Dear Companions,

It was a pleasure to see so many of you at our last meeting of May 5, 2018 and to listen to Companion Benesch "Is Harry Potter a Mason". Please let me know if you would like to present and share with us the knowledge of your research. Thank you.

Sincerely and Fraternaly,

Anne-Marie Moody
301-292-6607

Upcoming Events of Interest

Future Meeting Dates Planned:

Saturday, October 13, 2018 – Location being worked with lunch at **noon** and presentation at **1 p.m.**

Saturday, December 1, 2018 – Grand Lodge of Maryland (Cockeysville) with light breakfast refreshments at **9:30 a.m.** (priced at \$10) and the presentation and elections at **10:15 a.m.**

Additional information will be provided closer to those dates.

Quatuor Coronati 2018 Conference – September 14-16, 2018 in Alexandria, VA

The conference topic will be, "Freemasons in the Transatlantic World," and will include two and a half days of lectures and discussions. More information is available at <https://www.quatuorcoronati.com/meetings/2018-conference/>.



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Minutes of May 5, 2018

Following the luncheon, a meeting of the Maryland Masonic Research Society was called to order at 1:05 p.m. in the Lodge Room of the Odd Fellows Temple by President Anne-Marie Moody.

The attendance totaled 20 with 12 Companions and eight guests. Please refer to the Attendance Book for more detail.

The Minutes of our March 3, 2018, meeting were approved as distributed. Petitions were approved for Christian Bey. Payment was recommended, seconded, and approved for lunch and a contribution for the use of the facility.

2nd Vice President Walter Benesch was welcomed, and as he'd received a request, presented a short paper on, "Star Trek Enterprises – Mystical Numbers" before the presentation on, "Is Harry Potter a Master Mason?". Both used visual presentations and prompted a lively discussion and much appreciation. Copies of the presentations were requested in order to add to the Member section of the MMRS website.

The upcoming Festive Board being held Monday, August 6, 2018, at King's Contrivance Restaurant in Columbia with Past President S. Brent Morris presenting and the October 13, 2018 meeting will follow our historical formats. It was discussed and agreed that a morning meeting and election planned but not yet confirmed at the Grand Lodge of Maryland on Saturday, December 1, 2018 would be tried at the cost of \$10 for a light breakfast.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:55 in peace and harmony.