

Maryland Masonic Research Society

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Festive Board

Monday, August 7, 2017 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 please confirm your attendance to the Secretary at mmrs1979@gmail.com or 240-398-9546 by Wednesday, Friday, June 30, 2017. Instructions for payment will be provided and must be received by Saturday, July 15, 2017 or your reservation will be released.

Distinguished Presentation: “Josephine Baker: Erotic Dancer, Entertainer, WWII Hero, Humanitarian, Mason”

Josephine Baker was an American-born French singer, dancer, actress, resistance fighter in World War II, and civil rights leader who spoke at the 1963 March on Washington at the side of Martin Luther King, Jr. This presentation will focus on her life including the fact she was a Mason. It should be a fascinating presentation accompanied by photographs, video and other supporting material.

Presenter: Walter P. Benesch

Brother Benesch's Masonic career is extensive going back more than 30 years. He is a Past Master of Lafayette-Dupont #19 in DC and Archer Bailey Gay Lodge in VA, Scottish Rite KCCH & Dean of History in the Valley of Washington, KYCH in VA, current Illustrious Master Adoniram (Zabud Council No. 2., DC), Royal Arch Captain and Lecturer (Mt. Vernon RAC #14, VA) and officer in the Washington, D.C. College of Masonic Societas Rosicrusiana In Civitatibus Federatis. He is President and long-time supporter of the George Washington Masonic Stamp Club.

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President's Message

Greetings, Fellow MMRS Members,

Our May 6th meeting was productive and interesting. We received three new members into society. After business was concluded, John Maclay gave a talk on his paper, "Parallel Universes and Eternal Life." John's talk was enlightening and gave all of us much to think about. His paper is posted on our website. If you did not attend the meeting, I encourage you to read it. The discussion afterward was lively and fascinating.

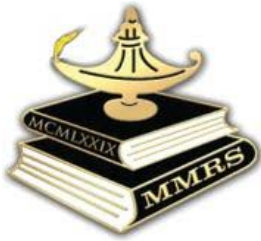
Our next meeting is the Festive Board on August 7, 2017. Walter Benesch will giving the presentation on Josephine Baker. Hope to see you there.

Fraternally and Sincerely.

Joe Martellotta,
President

Upcoming Events of Interest

Future Meeting Dates – Future regular meetings are planned for Saturday, October 14, 2017 and Saturday, December 2, 2017. Additional information on the topics, speakers, and locations will be provided closer to those dates.



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Minutes of May 6, 2017

Following the luncheon, a meeting of the Maryland Masonic Research Society was called to order at 1:10 p.m. in the Lodge Room of Silver Spring #215 Lodge by President Joe Martellotta.

The attendance totaled 22 with 14 Companions and eight guests. Please refer to the Attendance Book for more detail.

The Minutes of our March 11, 2017 meeting were approved as distributed. Petitions were approved for Mehl D. Hart, Walter P. Benesch, and Aron Baylee Coste. Payment was recommended, seconded, and approved for lunch and a contribution for the use of the facility. Our Silver Spring host was thanked and requested to give our greetings and appreciation to their Worshipful Master for the use of the building and, especially, the Lodge Room for the meeting.

Past President John Maclay was welcomed, and he presented a paper on “Parallel Universes and Eternal Life”. He shared two illustrations, including the cover of the magazine, “Scientific American.” There was a lively discussion after the presentation. Copies of the presentation were made available and will be added to the member section of the MMRS website.

The upcoming Festive Board being held Monday, August 7, 2017, at King’s Contrivance Restaurant in Columbia. It was agreed our new member, Walter Benesch, will present on Josephine Baker and will include pictures and music. Planned for the rest of the year are: (1) on Saturday, October 14, 2017, a presentation by Carolyn Bain Pugh on the identity of Freemasonry over time – from its origins to the 21st century perhaps in Frederick, MD and (2) on Saturday, December 2, 2017, by Companion Dirk Wiker, on an esoteric rite worked in the 1760’s in Warsaw. One of our companions offered to potentially provide a D.C. location.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:05 in peace and harmony.