



Maryland Masonic Research Society

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Regular Meeting and Election of 2020 Officers

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Topic: Diluvian Origins: The Influence of the Noahide Flood Myth of Craft Masonry

Diluvian Origins is a comparative study of worldwide flood mythologies. It explores the similarities between various oral traditions and cultural memories of catastrophic flood events, demonstrates the linkages between the Noahide flood myth and the York Craft Guild system, and examines historical records that imply the story of Noah was at one time a central theme in early 18th century Masonic Third Degree rituals.

Presenter: Companion Jason Richards

Brother Jason Richards is a Past Master of Acacia Lodge No. 16 in Clifton, VA and a member of The Colonial Lodge No. 1821 in Washington, DC. In addition to his work as a host of the weekly podcast and YouTube show The Masonic Roundtable, Jason is a writer, editor, and speaker on Masonic topics, having written for The Midnight Freemasons, as well as The Voice of Freemasonry in the District of Columbia. He lives in Fairfax, VA with his wife, son, two cats, and ever-expanding collection of bow ties.

Meeting Location: Birmingham Masonic Center
10800 Edmonston Road
Beltsville, MD 20705

*** (home to St. Alban Birmingham Lodge #233 AF & AM and Terrapin Lodge #241 AF & AM)*

Directions are available by clicking this [link](#). Parking is available on the premises.

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 571-242-3403 to confirm your attendance Tuesday, October 8, 2019.

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Minutes of May 4, 2019

Following the luncheon, a meeting of the Maryland Masonic Research Society was called to order at 1:00 p.m. in the Temple of the Silver Spring Lodge No. 215 by President Phyllis Lingenfelter.

The attendance totaled 10 with 8 Companions and two (2) guests. Please refer to the Attendance Book for more detail.

The Invocation was given by Companion Bernhard Zinkgraf. Companion Anne-Marie Moody, P.P. substituted as Secretary for Companion Cleola Bostic. The Minutes of our March 2, 2019 meeting were approved and adopted as distributed. The Secretary reported no petitions were received. Payment of the bills was recommended, seconded, and approved.

Companion 1st Vice President Walter Benesch presented an in-depth research on the automobile industry and the impact it had on Freemasonry and the City of Detroit. He demonstrated the rise of Freemasons within the industry which explained the construction of the beautiful massive Masonic Temple in Detroit. A Certificate of Appreciation was presented.

After Companion Bernhard Zinkgraf led us in our devotions, President Phyllis Lingenfelter adjourned the meeting at 2pm in peace and harmony.

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Minutes of August 5, 2019

Following the open bar and hors d'oeuvres, there was a meeting delay due to severe weather conditions, traffic constraints and a few attendance cancellations of the Maryland Masonic Research Society. At 7:30 p.m., the meeting was called to order in the dining room of King's Contrivance Restaurant in Columbia, MD by President Phyllis Lingenfelter.

The attendance totaled 16 with 12 Companions and four (4) guests. Please refer to the Attendance Book for more detail.

The Invocation was given by Companion John Maclay, P.P. The Minutes of our May 4, 2019 meeting were unavailable and will be motioned on October 12, 2019. Petitions were approved for John Zevitas. 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 Ed Johnson, P.P. provided a multi-media presentation on, "The Muses Threnodie in Context." There was lively appreciation and a discussion following.

The upcoming meeting will be held Saturday, October 12, 2019, a presentation by Jason Richards on the Diluvian Origins: The Influence of the Noahide Flood Myth of Craft Masonry. The last meeting of the year is planned for Saturday, December 7, 2017, with elections and a presentation by Companion Brent Morris, P.P. at the Grand Lodge of Maryland starting with a light breakfast at 9:15 a.m. followed by our regular meeting at 10:15 a.m.

In closing, Companion Bernhard Zinkgraf led us in our devotions. The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 p.m. in peace and harmony.