



Maryland Masonic Research Society

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Regular Meeting and Election/Installation of 2020 Officers

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Topic: A Timeline of High-Degree Masonry

A Timeline of High-Degree Masonry focuses on the remarkably complex and interconnected group of Masonic organizations. We will begin our exploration from the base, where the Craft Degrees are controlled by Grand Lodges, and grafted onto these are “High Degrees” that expand and amplify the basic Craft ceremonies. This talk traces the first appearance and growth of high degrees from the formation of the Premier Grand Lodge to the creation of the first Supreme Council in 1801.

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, Past 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 of the Court of Honour. He is a mathematician by training and a magician by inclination.

Meeting Location: Grand Lodge of Maryland, Freemasons Hall
304 International Circle
Cockeysville, MD 21030

***(Located in Freemasons Hall in the Gothic Room)*

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

Light Breakfast: \$12 payable at the door at 9:15 a.m.

Meeting and Presentation: Donation entrance fee of \$5 at 10:15 a.m.

**All proceeds go towards facility rental cost and other administrative expenses.*

Grand Lodge Tour: Stephen J. Ponzillo, Jr. Memorial Library & Museum with Curator, Edward Heimiller.

RSVP: Please contact the Secretary at mmrs1979@gmail.com or 571-242-3403 to confirm your attendance Tuesday, December 3, 2019.

“Masonic Enlightenment Through Research”



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Minutes of October 12, 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 Birmingham Masonic Center No. 233 by President Phyllis Lingenfelter.

The attendance totaled 18 with 13 Companions and five (5) guests. Please refer to the Attendance Book for more detail.

The Invocation was given by Companion Bernhard Zinkgraf. The Minutes of our March 4, 2019 and August 5, 2019 meetings were approved and adopted as distributed. The Secretary reported no petitions were received. Payment of the bills was recommended, seconded, and approved.

Friend Jason Richards presented a profound comparative study of worldwide flood mythologies and the creation of the Third-degree Craft in Freemasonry. He demonstrated the linkages between the Noahide flood myth and the York Craft Guild system, and examined historical records that implied the story of Noah was at one time a central theme in early 18th century Masonic Third-degree rituals. A Certificate of Appreciation was presented. An announcement was made that election of Officers and Installation would take place at the next meeting on December 7, 2019.

After Companion Bernhard Zinkgraf led us in our devotions, President Phyllis Lingenfelter adjourned the meeting at 2:30pm in peace and harmony.