

Maryland Masonic Research Society

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Regular Meeting

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Topic: Motorized Masons: The Automobile Industry Evolution

“Motorized Masons” explores key fraternal members who made history and revolutionized the Automobile Industry around the world. Most notable influencers range from Studebaker to Maytag. The Studebaker Corporation formed by five brothers, three of which were Freemasons, started their family business from very early carriages to their 1902 electric car. Not to mention, unknown to most, Bro. Frederick Louis Maytag made cars long before his renowned household washing machines. The presentation will also showcase vehicle models associated with Masons whose names were attached to Chrysler, Ford, Oldsmobile and French auto giant, Citroen. There will be a host of earlier unknown Masons examined, whose innovative contributions furthered the development of the automobile industry, including one who was even rejected by a lodge with the consequences.

Presenter: Companion Walter Benesch, First Vice President

Brother Benesch’s extensive Masonic career goes back more than 50 years to his initiation at Marie Deraismes Lodge #352 in New York City in 1967. Later, he signed a renunciation joining Boston University Lodge while a graduate student. He is a Past Master of Lafayette-Dupont #19 in D.C. and Archer Bailey Gay Lodge #275 in VA. In the Valley of Washington Scottish Rite, he is a 32^o, KCCH & Dean of History. He is the Past Illustrious Master Adoniram (Zabud Council No. 2., D.C.), Royal Arch Captain and Lecturer at Mt. Vernon RAC #14, VA, and Past High Priest and Trustee Chairman of Columbia RAC #1 in DC. He is an officer in the Washington, D.C. College of Masonic Societas Rosicrusiana in Civitatibus Foederatis (SRICF). Brother Benesch currently is the Master of the Rose Croix Chapter in the DC Scottish Rite. He is also the President and long-time supporter of the George Washington Masonic Stamp Club. He has published numerous Masonic and other articles and is regularly talks on a large variety of subjects.

“Masonic Enlightenment Through Research”



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Meeting Location: Collington Masonic Lodge No. 230 AF & AM
13801 Old Stage Rd.
Bowie, MD 20720

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, April 30, 2019.



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President's Message

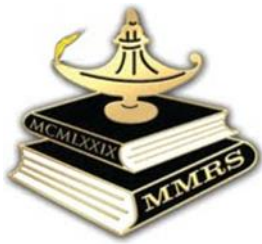
Dear Companions,

It was a pleasure to see so many of you at our last meeting of March 2, 2019. Thank you for partaking in the informative presentation by Companion Anne-Marie Moody, " Louis Goaziou the Man, the Freemason". The conversation before and after the meeting were exceptional. As a friendly reminder, if you have not received your renewal membership card, please notify the Secretary. I hope to see everyone at our next meeting on May 4, 2019.

If you would like to give a presentation or have any suggestions on how we can improve the Maryland Masonic Research Society, please e-mail me at lingenph1@gmail.com or call me at (630)715-2186. Thank you.

Sincerely and Fraternaly,

Phyllis Lingenfelter



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Minutes of March 2, 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 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 December 1, 2018 meeting were amended with correction that the election had occurred in previous meeting, approved, and adopted as distributed. The Secretary reported that no petitions were received. Payment of the bills was recommended, seconded, and approved. The Treasurer's report was second, accepted with notation of ten (10) outstanding unpaid member dues.

Companion Anne-Marie Moody presentation on "**Louis Goaziou the Man, the Freemason**" was phenomenal. The presentation explored his life and journey in Freemasonry. Although the projector wasn't working, the Secretary kindly circulated the laptop to display the presentation slide deck. Following was a lively Q&A with discussion on mixed communication regarding Louis' ideas on his version of Freemasonry and other groups. His values centered on equality and freedom. He evolved women's participation in Masonic societies and publications. There was an expressed indication male Masons are open to discuss and growing to acknowledge women Masons, but it will take inclusion best practices in masonic education and conferences to one day be fully recognized. In connection with our presentation, Harriet Flint became the topic of discussion as there was a request to see her patents. Copies of the presentation were requested in order to add to the Member section of the MMRS website. 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.