

Maryland Masonic Research Society

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Regular Meeting

Saturday, March 7, 2020

Topic: Hannah Mather Crocker: Pioneer of American Women's Freemasonry & The First Women's Lodge

Hannah's life was filled with enthralling twists of savviness for what we would consider normal for Colonial Elite women of her time – as a writer, the first leading American political theorist, and feminist on women's roles and education. Hannah Mather Crocker was a direct descendant of the prominent Hutchinson family of Massachusetts and what she called the "Four-fold line of Mathers." – All Ministers who believed in the education of women who homeschooled their own daughters. This presentation will explore the movement and regularity of Women's Freemasonry pre-American Revolutionary War and thereafter.

Presenter: Companion Cleola Bostic, MMRS Secretary

Cleola (Cleo) serves as the Secretary for her lodge, Emounah #34 under the Women's Grand Lodge of Belgium (GLFB) located in Washington D.C. Although she has been a Freemason for 11 years, her love for history and research stems from her upbringing as a native Alexandria Virginian with deep family roots in America's Historic Triangle - Jamestown, Williamsburg, Yorktown. She enjoys traveling and being in fellowship with like-minded Freemasons worldwide. Cleola believes in the Masonic principles and education of unity through diversity. Cleola is a great resource on historical research societies and Information Technology.

Topic: Annie Besant and Freemasonry

Annie Besant was a feminist and with many Freemasons of her time shaped the International Order of Freemasonry, Le Droit Humain. She devoted all of her energies to the constitutional rights of women, equality and social justice for all. I will share some of the many twists and turns that her life took.

Presenter: Companion Anne-Marie Moody, P.P.

Anne-Marie is a founding member and Past Master of her Droit Humain Lodge, Louis Goaziou #1953 [Catonsville, MD], Past President of the MMRS, member of Orpheus #553 Lodge. She is active in Masonic research and is a 33rd Degree Mason. She began her Masonic journey in France more than 48 years ago. She is a wealth of Masonic knowledge

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and history and is passionate about sharing her ideas through fellowship and fraternity.

Meeting Location: Mount Hermon Lodge No. 179 A. F. & A. M.
4207 Gallatin St.
Hyattsville, MD 20781

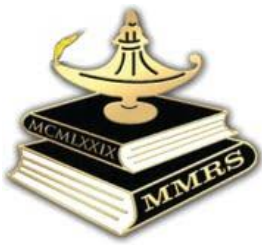
Directions available by clicking this [link](#). Parking and Lodge entrance are located at the rear of the building.

Lunch at 12 noon: \$20 payable at the door

Meeting and Presentation at 1 pm: \$5 donation payable at the door

RSVP: Please contact the Secretary at mmrs1979@gmail.com or (571) 242-3403 to confirm your attendance and whether or not you would like to join us for lunch by March 3, 2020.

Thank you!



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President's Message

Dear Companions,

Thank you for your confidence in having me as your President. An exciting year is being planned, some new locations including Naval Lodge in DC, which is an outstanding example of an Egyptian theme lodge rooms. That is being planned for our May meeting. Don't worry about parking, it is available in the bank parking lot accessible from 4th Street, between A and Penn Ave., SE.

Our March 7 meeting is at Mount Hermon Lodge 179 AFAM, at 4207 Gallatin Street Hyattsville, Maryland 20781. Cleo, our Secretary, will be a first-time MMRS Speaker presenting Hanna Mather Crocker. Additionally, our Past President Anne-Marie will be presenting Anne-Bessant, the head of the Theosophical Society and who heavily influenced Co-Masonry in England (and the USA). However, as your President, I will try really hard in my excitement to keep silent as I have strong feelings regarding Bro. Bessant.

Most of you are being forwarded my weekly "Master Craftsman" messages. These are emails sent to all who have attended, or have expressed interest in weekly emails about Masonry, what is happening in the DC Scottish Rite or perhaps the closing quote from various books, which bring interesting insights into Masonry. Not all books are Masonic in nature!

The MC classes being conducted are before the meetings on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month, unless a special program is being conducted. The classes are open to ANYONE who wishes to attend. They are held in the lounge at the DC Scottish Rite building. Dinner usually starts around 6:15 - 6:30 with the classes from 6:50 to 7:20. You are more than welcome. Valet parking is available but tell them you will not be staying for the meeting (which are usually closed).

Looking forward to serving as you President and your participation.

Sincerely,

Walter Benesch

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Upcoming 2020 Meeting Dates and Other Events

MMRS would like to extend an invitation and encourage its Companions to present this year as well as recommend new meeting locations. If you are interested, please contact our President, Walter Benesch with your topic and brief description for review.

Saturday, May 2, 2020 – Speaker needed, Naval Lodge No. 4 Washington D.C.

Monday, August 3, 2020 – Festive Board in the Evening in Columbia, MD

Saturday, October 10, 2020 – Election of 2021 Officers, Location and Speaker needed

Saturday, December 5, 2020 – Installation of 2021 Officers, Location and Speaker needed

Other Events:

February 17, 2020 George Washington's Mount Vernon - Free Admission on Presidents' Day

February 22, 2020 The 2020 George Washington Symposium

S. Brent Morris, P.P. presents:

George Washington's Construction of the United States Capitol

1:00 p.m. The George Washington Masonic National Memorial, Memorial Theater

April 18, 2020 UCLA International Conference on Freemasonry, 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Hidden Meanings: Esotericism and Masonic Connections

University of California, Los Angeles

April 26, 2020 GLoMD: Grand Masters Bull & Oyster Roast, 2:00 p.m. - 6 :00p.m.

June 6, 2020 GLoMD: Family Day Picnic, 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

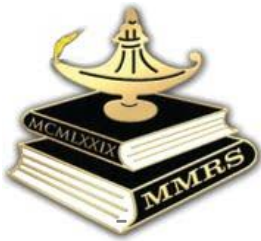
June 12, 2020 Mid-Atlantic Esotericon, 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. at Kena Shrine (VA)

July 25, 2020 GLoMD: Grand Master's Gala, 6:00 p.m - 11:00 p.m.

September 9-11, 2020 Scottish Rite's Children's Language & Literacy Conference
St. Louis, Missouri

September 18-20, 2020 Quatuor Coronati 2020 Conference
'Freemasonry on the Frontier'
Boston, Massachusetts

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Minutes of December 7, 2019

Following the light breakfast, a meeting of the Maryland Masonic Research Society was called to order at 10:15 a.m. at the Grand Lodge of Maryland 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 October 12, 2019 meeting were approved as distributed. The Secretary reported we received notices from the Masonic Service Association of North America and there was one petition to be voted on and approved for Iris Gomez. Payment of the bills was recommended, seconded, and approved. The Treasurer presented the Annual Report and provided it to the Secretary.

Companion S. Brent Morris, P.P. presented on “*A Timeline of High-Degree Masonry.*” The presentation unearthed the multifaceted yet complex group of Masonic organizations. Starting the journey where the Grand Lodges oversaw the activities of the Blue Lodge, and then attached an extension of the more advanced “High Degrees.” Hence, these higher degrees elaborated upon the foundation of the Craft ritual. The presentation covered the origination and development of the elaborate work, to the creation of the Premier Grand Lodge leading to the founding of the first Supreme Council in 1801. Following were a brief Q&A with discussion on Masonic groups and related stories of the 3rd degree. We requested the presentation be sent to the Secretary to add to the Member Section of the MMRS website. A Certificate of Appreciation was presented.

The President then conducted the election for the 2020 officers. The slate was read and the floor opened to nominations. Given there were none, the following were elected as the 2020 Officers:

President: Walter Benesch
1st Vice President: Isabel Tejero del Rio
2nd Vice President: Michael Taldo
Secretary: Cleola Bostic
Treasurer: Sharonlee J. Vogel, P.P.

The Chaplin is an appointed role and the incoming President considered and nominated candidate, Bernhard Zinkgraf. Phyllis Lingenfelter, P.P., was the Installing Official, Walter Benesch was installed as President, and he then installed his officers. He presented Phyllis Lingenfelter with a Certificate of Appreciation for her service and thanked her for a successful year. In turn, she then thanked the officers who had assisted her. President Walter will present Companion Phyllis with the Past President medal at our next meeting. After Companion Bernhard Zinkgraf led us in our devotions, President Walter Benesch adjourned the meeting at 11:30 am in peace and harmony. Companions and friends concluded the day with a wonderful tour of the Stephen J. Ponzillo, Jr. Memorial Library & Museum led by our friend and Museum Curator, Edward Heimiller.

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