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Regular Meeting

Saturday, March 6, 2021

via Zoom, Time: 1:00 p.m. EST

Title: "Modern Masonry: Fractals, Macrocosm & Microcosm"

Topic: Armchair historians have a wealth of topics within Masonry to keep them active: Esoterica, Biographies, Lodge Histories, Symbolism. Rarely do we see Anthropology added to the mix. In a two-year period, traveling among 78 Lodges across Maryland and speaking to the Brothers present in Lodge, Charles Matulewicz discovered a common touch point. By looking at Lodge sign-in books, Matulewicz observed a series of patterns that paints a story of motivation, distance, and demographics. "Fractals, Macrocosm & Microcosm... an anthropological view of Maryland Masonry in the 21st Century" will provide direct observations of Masons active in the Lodge today. The program contains no secrets inappropriate for the general public.

Presenter: Charles Matulewicz

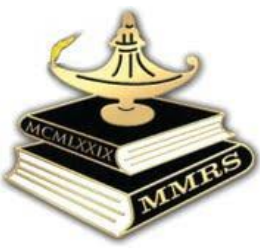
Charles Matulewicz is a Past Master of Palestine Lodge No.189 and the Maryland Masonic Lodge of Research No.239. A frequent contributor of Maryland's Scottish Rite and Grand Lodge publications. Bro. Matulewicz traveled throughout the state of Maryland during his role as the Chairman of Maryland's education committee. He speaks often on Masonic topics and assists the Brothers with their Masonic research. He is a member of, and holds leadership positions in, several appendant bodies. He eschews titles and lapel pins.

Academically he attended Temple University's Tyler school of Art where he studied Art History. Continuing his education he received a Master's in Business Administration from Texas A&M and a post-graduate certificate in Marketing from Harvard University. He is spending his free time working to finish a Master's in Non-Profit Management from LSU.

Meeting Time and Location: March 6, 2021, 1 p.m. EST on ZOOM

RSVP: Please email the President at mizzy.tejero@gmail.com by March 3.

"Masonic Enlightenment Through Research"



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President's Message

February 17, 2021

Dear Companions,

We learned last year that to share Masonic knowledge over the Internet could be very rewarding. I had hoped to share a few meals with you all as President, unfortunately, the pandemic will keep us apart a few more months, at least until the ongoing Covid-19 vaccination campaign starts showing results.

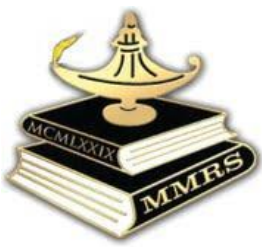
In the meanwhile, we will continue meeting over Zoom at the regular dates, and I am working on adding a few additional meetings to our calendars.

The first meeting this year will be on March 6, 2021, and we will be hosting Brother Charles Matulewicz, who will present "Fractals, Macrocosm & Microcosm... an anthropological view of Maryland Masonry in the 21st Century." He will offer the audience direct observations of Masons active in the Lodge today. The lecture and subsequent discussion promise to be engaging. Please, take the time to join us. Send your RSVP to me at mizzy.tejero@gmail.com, and we will provide you with a Zoom login no later than 24 hours prior to the event.

The Officers and I are putting together the calendar for the rest of the year. For April 10, we have lined up a talk on "Sacred Geometry." At our May 1st meeting, we will host Brother David Chichinadze, who will talk to us about Masonry in the country of Georgia. We will have the opportunity to hear about being a Mason in a former communist country located at the intersection of Eastern Europe and Western Asia. Hopefully, you will find learning about Masonry in other countries as fascinating as I do.

We will update you about the other speakers as the time grows near and when we have a firmer schedule. One thing Zoom gives us is the latitude to arrange additional meetings without the hazard of traveling or finding a venue, and I encourage anyone passionate about a Masonic-related topic that would like to share with the Society to reach out to me or any of the Officers. We will make sure to find a time, if not a place, for you to share your research interest with us.

Sincerely and Fraternaly,
Isabel Tejero, 3^o
President, MMRS



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Upcoming 2021 Meeting Dates and Other Events

Hold the dates:

- Saturday, March 6, 2021
- Saturday, May 1, 2021
- Monday, August 2, 2021 – Festive Board
- Saturday, October 9, 2021 – Election of 2022 Officers
- Saturday, December 4, 2021 – Installation of 2022 Officers
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And perhaps:

- February 11-13, 2021 - Masonic Week, Virtual
- October 2, 2021 – Harvest Home Day at the Grand Lodge

Meeting Minutes of December 5, 2020

The minutes of October 10, 2020 were approved. Matthew Hulett's petition was read and approved.

The position of the Secretary was filled, completing the 2021 slate of Officers, and all MMRS 2021 Officers were installed.

Until the pandemic is resolved, the president confirmed that future meetings will be held on Zoom. The next meeting will be March 6, 2021.

Bro. Adam Goldman presented a program, "Astrotheology and Freemasonry's York Rite Degree," focusing on astrological concepts secreted in Masonic degrees since the 17th and 18th centuries.

President Benesch thanked Bro. Goldman for his program, which stimulated numerous questions from attendees.

President Benesch thanked the outgoing MMRS Officers for their service and welcomed the 2021 Officers to their positions. He adjourned the meeting at 2:40 p.m. in peace and harmony.