

Arminius Loge Nr. 25

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Past Masker

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Lebende Altmeister

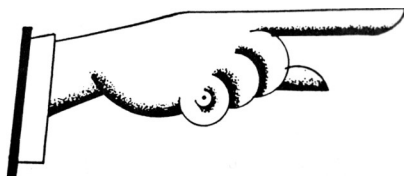
Living Past Masters

John R. Wimmel, Jr.....	1982
Friedrich Maier.....	1983
Manfred Osti.....	1984
Gerhard Meinzer, Grand Tiler	1987
Gerhard A. Vögler.....	1988 -1989
Gerhard Heeg.....	1993 - 1995
Mark Dreisonstok.....	1994 -1995, 2014-2017
Morad Eghbal, PGSB.....	1996, 2000
John C. Feller, PGSB.....	1999
Kenneth Ranney.....	2002- 2004, 2011- 2013
Columbus Thompson.....	2006
Alexander Olbrich.....	2007
Frederick S. Vogel.....	2008- 2010
John Costanza.....	2018
Elijah C. Mills.....	2019

Lebende Ehrenmitglieder

Living Honorary Members

Harold Grainger, PM
 Walter F. Simon, Deputy Grand Chaplain Emeritus
 Akram R. Elias, PGM
 Jerold J. Samet, PGM
 Paul M. Bessel, PSGW
 Christopher Mahaney, PM, Grand Lecturer



Secretary's Note

The Grand Master of Masons of the State of Maryland has now taken the same actions with respect to Maryland Freemasonry that have been taken in Virginia by its G.M.: and in the District of Columbia by ours. Thus, our annual *Kirchgang* or Church Visitation and traditional German dinner with the Brethren of Germania Lodge at the *Zionskirche* in Baltimore scheduled for 5 April is cancelled and will be rescheduled for some point after 1 May. This has been communicated to me directly from Germania No. 160's Secretary.

Sincerely and fraternally,
 J.D. Walker, Secretary

Beamte für 2020

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2. Schaffner Junior Steward	<i>Rotating</i>
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Committee Chairmen for 2020**

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Lehrmeister Lecturer	Kenneth Ranney, PM
Bibliothek Library	Mark Dreisonstok, PM
Verwalter Trustees	J.D. Walker John Costanza, PM Elijah Mills, WM
Vertreter für die Großloge Proxies for the Grand Lodge	For the Worshipful Master – Jon Bouma, PM For the Senior Warden – Fred Vogel, PM For the Junior Warden – John Wimmel, PM

**Abgeordnete für Arminius Loge Nr. 25
Delegates for Arminius Lodge #25**

Masonic Foundation.....Elijah C. Mills, PM
Masonic & Eastern Star Home.....Elijah C. Mills, PM
St. John’s Mite.....Elijah C. Mills, PM

**Preisträger der Arminius Loge Nr. 25
Honorees for Arminius Lodge #25**

Arminius Lodge Fidelity Medal.....John Wimmel, Jr. PM
Grand Lodge of D.C. Distinguished Service Medal Gerhard Meinzer, PM
Grand Lodge of Germany Medal of Honour Gerhard Meinzer, PM
Valentine Reintzel MedalMark Dreisonstok, PM

Masonic Positive Thinking for Worrying Times

-Mark Dreisonstok

Freemasonry, with its Chamber of Reflection, its Lodge of Sorrow, and the *memento mori* theme of its Third Degree, at first glance may seem a sober, perhaps even somber, lens through which to view our world. Yet as the Junior Warden says in one of our Rituals, “Such is not the case!” Masonry, its literature, and its periodicals such as *The New Age Magazine* (now *The Scottish Rite Journal*) have an enormously optimistic view of the universe and man’s role in it. In our current time of worry and concern, let us turn for a moment to this more hopeful face of our gentle Craft!

An article on “Happiness and Masonry” by Rabbi Harry Silverstone, in *The New Age Magazine* of November 1984, suggests that “a determination to realize the simple pleasures of living, or of fulfilling our Masonic ideals, can do so much to make us happy.” Cultivating a positive attitude is again stressed in *The New Age* of May 1979, as Mark C. Hollis reminds us that “attitude, the state of mind with which one approaches a given situation, is the dominant factor in the successful accomplishment of any goal.”

Perhaps no writer is more associated with the “power of positive thinking” than Rev. Dr. Norman Vincent Peale, a thirty-third degree Mason famous for a book of that name, as well as its sequel, *The Power of Positive Living*. Br.: Peale wrote articles such as “Enthusiasm Makes the Difference,” also the name of one of his books, for *The New Age Magazine*, in this case in March 1991. In the book, Dr. Peale notes that the etymology for enthusiasm comes from the Greek *entheos*, meaning God in you, or full of God: “So when we claim for enthusiasm the power to work miracles in solving problems, we are actually saying that God Himself in you supplies wisdom, courage, strategy, and faith necessary to deal successfully with all difficulties.” These are words from one of the most widely read Masonic authors of our era, which should surely inspire us in our current worrisome times.

In another *New Age Magazine* article (May 1986) entitled “What Freemasonry Means to Me,” Dr. Peale speaks directly to Masons. “Living is beautiful,” Br.: Peale notes, “but living can be harsh and cruel.” Fortunately, he continues, Freemasonry with its philanthropy and high ideals, gives “another dimension to living.” Such a recognition that life

can be harsh but is to be lived with both joy and humor may be found in our cover “Past Masker” cartoon of Br.: Ted Bastian, with whom it is my pleasure to write the *Chips in the Quarry* graphic art series in *The Scottish Rite Journal* of today!

We end this article of encouragement by going back one-hundred years to *The New Age Magazine* of January 1920. In this issue, Jonathan D. Norton, in his article “What Age Would You Prefer?”, exhorts us to shift, as it were, our gaze from the Square at its base to the Compass above, and then to the point in the center to which all Masons regardless of their individual creeds are directed: “The great Creator of the Universe and all that is therein, who is also our Heavenly Father, has placed each one of us here to develop mind and character to the utmost of our ability in this preparatory school of life upon earth, thus fitting ourselves for graduation into the heavenly life of the spiritual world where the millions who have preceded us have gone and are engaged in that work for which each one is best fitted, and in which it is a joy to engage.”



Aus dem Osten

Dear friends and brethren of Arminius,

I write this special bulletin to all of you in times of this national crisis and pandemic. As you are all well aware, the Grand Master has suspended Masonic activity through May 15th. This means that our April communication is called off but we have the possibility of resuming by our May stated communication.

It is now my goal to communicate to you all via this email in place of our in-person meeting. Depending on how this pandemic rolls out, we might see additional changes or suggestions. Watch this space. For now, I suggest this is a time of rest and reflection while tending to our physical,

mental, and spiritual health. I will be getting caught up on plenty of reading, some of it Masonic even. I am as guilty as the next brother who gets caught up in the weeds of the institution and does not spend enough time to step back and reflect on the superstructure of Masonry. Our illustrious brother Albert Mackey complained in 1875 that “The ultimate success of masonry depends on the intelligence of her disciples,” going on to further lament that many brothers assume the Masonic education they receive comes about as some sort of intuition (*a priori*) instead of through direct and dedicated study. If that were the case, we would truly become wiser with each degree we receive - having received a few beyond the Third, I can assure you this is not the case. I only realize how little I do know.

I have long argued that all of Freemasonry is local and this comes as a chance to deepen our communal bonds and enrich our understanding of our Gentle Craft. So I put it to you now, brethren of this Lodge, that you take this time of unwelcome and enforced solitude to enrich and adorn your inner temples - something no virus can ever threaten.

We will continue to reach out via this email bulletin and by phone. If any brother you know of is in need, please reach out to me. Resources are becoming available in addition to those we normally enjoy for relief during this troubled time. If you or a brother you know needs help - let me know immediately, and it will be given. As a reminder, “Ask, and it shall be given you...”

This message comes with all of my thoughts and prayers,

Elijah C. Mills

Meister vom Stuhl

