



# The T. L. of R. Bulletin

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## SECOND QUARTER BULLETIN – 2024

### **MARCH 23<sup>rd</sup> STATED MEETING**

The meeting was held at Bethpage Lodge #521 in Bethpage, TN. Twenty members and visitors were in attendance. Brother George Walter Webster – Master presided. Bethpage Lodge No. 521 was thanked for their excellent hospitality.

Brother Wallace Edward “Bush” Bernard, Charlotte Lodge No. 97 gave a presentation on “The Night Bro. Lafayette Almost Drowned Outside of Nashville.” Brother Bernard’s paper will be published in our 2024 Proceedings.

At the meeting, a motion was made and approved by vote of the Lodge membership to bestow honorary membership on Bro. Garry Lynch Carter for his tremendous help in getting TNLOR on the Grandview data base. His tremendous effort in this endeavor has significantly streamlined the administrative work for the Secretary/Treasurer and is a benefit to all the membership. One outcome of this transition is that you will notice that your membership card is a TN. Grand Lodge card and not like the one we printed ourselves in past years. By the way, at our past Grand Lodge meeting in March, Bro. Carter was awarded the John B. Arp Award for his numerous efforts in his service to the Grand Lodge.

At the meeting, a motion was made and approved by vote of the Lodge membership to form a website committee composed of George Ladd, Mike Neulander Joe Kindoll, Steve Martin, Mitch Demming, Ryan Turbeville to recommend to Bro. Ernest Chapman the TNLOR “must haves” for our website.

### **NEXT MEETING DATE:**

**We will meet SATURDAY, June 1st at UNICOI LODGE #681  
4120 Unicoi Dr., Unicoi, TN 37692**

**Our speaker will be Bro. Mike Neulander, Pleasant Grove Lodge No. 138 who will give a presentation on “Mozart the Freemason.”**

**A meal will be served at 12:00 Noon Eastern Time. The speaking presentation will begin at 1:00 PM. The regular meeting of the TLR will begin following the speaking program.**

### **REMAINING MEETINGS DURING 2024**

**September 14, 2024 (West TN) ARLINGTON LODGE #641 (Arlington, TN) 12044 Forrest St, Arlington, TN 38002**

**December 21, 2024, Sparta Lodge #99 99 Masonic Dr, Sparta, TN 38583**

# **SPECIAL EVENT: August 17th West Nashville Phoenix Lodge #131**

The Tennessee Lodge of Research, along with West Nashville Phoenix Lodge #131, and several Allied Masonic Degrees Councils are pleased to announce that they are co-sponsoring Dr. Ric Berman, Ph.D. to give a Masonic presentation on August 17th, at West Nashville Phoenix Lodge #131 at 1:00 pm, followed by a festive board. This is probably the first time that so many Tennessee Masonic bodies, whose mission is to spread “more light” through Masonic research, have come together to co-sponsor such an event of this magnitude. A special thanks to Tennessee Lodge of Research Past Charter Master, John Meldorf for conceiving of the idea for this event and shepherding it through to fruition. Also, a hearty thanks to the officers and members of West Nashville Phoenix Lodge #131 for volunteering to host the event and provide the festive board free of charge to attendees. If you desire to attend, please email me at [TnLodgeOfResearch@gmail.com](mailto:TnLodgeOfResearch@gmail.com) by August 1<sup>st</sup>. A brief Bio of Dr. Ric Berman, Ph.D. printed below will illuminate why the leaders of the co-sponsoring Masonic bodies have enthusiastically banded together to make this event happen!

TNLOR will have for sale several of Bro. Ric’s books at our June 1st meeting at Unicoi, as well as on the day of his presentation.

## **About the author**

Ric Berman researches, writes and speaks on eighteenth and nineteenth-century English, Irish and American freemasonry. A Fellow of the Royal Historical Society, he is the author of numerous journal articles and books and has delivered keynote papers across the globe. Ric holds an MA and PhD from the University of Cambridge and the University of Exeter, respectively, and undertook post-doctoral research at the University of Oxford’s Modern European History Research Centre. A Freemason for over forty years and twice a Prestonian Lecturer, Ric holds Grand Rank in the United Grand Lodge of England and is a Past Master of three English Lodges including Quatuor Coronati, the premier lodge of Masonic research. He is also an American Freemason and a Fellow of the Philalethes Society. Born in London, Ric lives in rural Oxfordshire.

## **Books**

- **Schism: The Battle That Forged Freemasonry**
- **From Roanoke to Raleigh: Freemasonry in North Carolina, 1730-1800**
- **Foundations: The Prestonian Lecture**
- **The Grand Lodge of England & Colonial America: America's Grand Masters**
- **Foundations: The Grand Lodge of England and the 1723 Constitutions**
- **Loyalists & Malcontents: Freemasonry & Revolution in South Carolina and Georgia**
- **The Second Grand Lodge: The Grand Lodge of Ireland, the London Irish & Antients Freemasonry**
- **The Foundations of Modern Freemasonry: The Grand Architects: Political Change and the Scientific Enlightenment, 1714-1740**