



8th Masonic District

The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania



Bristol Lodge No. 25, Hermann-Humboldt Lodge No. 125,
Doylestown Lodge No 245, W.K. Bray Lodge No. 410,
Newtown Lodge No. 427, Fairless Hills Lodge No. 776, Southampton Radiant Star Lodge No. 806

Richard H. Bradbury, Sr. – District Deputy Grand Master

April 2015

8th Masonic District School of Instruction

Frey Masonic Center
850 Norristown Road, Warminster, PA

Meets Monthly at 7:30 pm
1st Monday and 3rd Friday (Except July and August)

APRIL CALENDAR

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| 04 | Official Visitation - Bristol Lodge
<i>Program: Exemplification of a Visitor</i> |
| 06 | 8th Masonic District School of Instruction |
| 08 | Official Visitation - Hermann-Humboldt Lodge |
| 08 | Newtown Lodge No. 427 Stated Meeting
<i>Program: Shriners Hospital</i> |
| 10 | Doylestown Lodge Stated Meeting <i>Program:</i>
<i>History and Future of David Library – Meg McSweeney</i> |
| 11 | Morrisville Assembly Rainbow Girls Father - Daughter Dance |
| 13 | Southampton Radiant Star Stated Mtg.
<i>Program: Landmarks of Freemasonry – Walter Daniels</i> |
| 14 | Fairless Hills Lodge Stated Meeting |
| 15 | Official Visitation - W.K. Bray Lodge
<i>Program: Funeral Service/Black Ball Speech/Past Master Stories, Masonic Quiz</i> |
| 17 | 8th Masonic District School of Instruction |
| 18 | Regional School of Instruction
Masonic Temple - Philadelphia, PA |

SECTIONAL MEETING OF SCHOOLS OF INSTRUCTION FOR REGION 1

Saturday, April 18th @ 8:00 am is the Region 1 Schools of Instruction Meeting held at the Grand Lodge. All three degrees and Business of the Lodge are scheduled to be exemplified. If you hold a chair in your lodge, or fill in occasionally, here is a chance to review the mechanics in each degree. The 3rd Degree will be exemplified by the 8th Masonic District and Bro. John Dominic, SW of Doylestown Lodge will be the exemplifying Worshipful Master. All Master Masons are welcome. Join us and show your support for your brothers and see great degree

TIPS FOR MEMORIZING THE RITUALS

TO MEMORIZE THE RITUAL OR A LECTURE

1. Learn it paragraph by paragraph; do not attempt to learn too much at any one time.
2. Concentrate on the lecture. Try to be alone, if possible, without distractions from family, television, etc. Keep your mind on the ritual or lecture.
3. Take sections in the proper sequence; do not skip around in learning different sections.
4. Spend as much or more time in reviewing material already learned, as in learning new sections of the ritual. Refuse to learn anything new unless you are confident of your ability to deliver what you have already learned.
5. If utilizing the Ritual Manual, have a Brother Master Mason follow along to insure you are memorizing the correct words. Once a wrong word is inserted while practicing, it is often difficult to remove it.
6. Practice what you have already learned during odd moments. For example, recite while driving your car, riding a tractor, walking. You will be surprised at the benefit derived from the odd moments which would otherwise be wasted.
7. Always recite your lines in the same manner never changing voice inflections or emphasis once you have decided how they ought to be done. So: prize how, and what, you say.
8. Some prefer to recite aloud when practicing; others prefer the silent method. Most prefer the former, but do what is easier for you. If reciting silently, always concentrate on what you hear in your own mind what the sentences sound like.
9. Time, patience, and perseverance will accomplish all things. Some can learn a lecture or ritual with less effort than others, but all can learn it if enough interest and determination is shown.

“Perfection is not attainable. But if you chase perfection, you will catch excellence.” – Vince Lombardi

THE WORKING TOOLS OF A TRAVELING MASON

<http://www.royalarchmanitoba.com>

I now present to you with the working tools of a traveling mason; they are the Tire Jack, AAA Card and the Cell Phone.

The tire jack is the first tool placed in the hands of the traveling brother, to enable him to lift his car and change the tire, while swearing and soiling his clothes.

The AAA card is a small piece of plastic, meaningless by itself, but powerful when the first tool proves unsatisfactory. Though recognized by various drivers under different class licenses, it is admitted by them all that no towing can be done without it.

The cell phone is an annoying tool, expensive in its use and yet an evil necessity. It is calculated to have its battery die just when it is about to be engaged with the second tool, and the mightiest curses have been created by its aid.

But as we are not traveling masons, but more social and local or visiting brethren we apply these tools to our social graces.

In that sense from the jack we learn that it is more important to lift our brethren up than worry about a soiled trouser or a bit of inconvenience.

From the AAA card we learn that help, support and back up are of vital importance. It is more important to help one another than to try to go it alone. That team work is the way to grow. Although the lodge may be strong and the members may be dedicated it is all in vain if we do not support one another.

From the cell phone we learn communication is necessary to achieve camaraderie, that devotion is achieved through repeated and caring conversations alone and nothing short of familiarity and support is necessary to induce the virtue of brotherly love, encourage the lodge and raise membership from obscurity.

On the whole we deduce the following moral, that visiting, meant as support, aided by team work and prompted by brotherly love will finally overcome all our hurdles, raise attendance through association and promote contentment in the lodge of Freemasonry.

THIS MONTH IN HISTORY

April 7, 1970

Bro. John (Marion Michael Morrison) Wayne won his first and only Oscar for his role in the motion picture "True Grit." He had been in over 200 films. A DeMolay, he was the archetypal western hero. He died in 1979.

QUOTE OF THE MONTH

If you want a better world – work at it.
If you want a better life – work at it.
If you want a better lodge – work at it.

George E. Burow

CONGRATULATIONS

With another year of decreasing membership, we are encouraged to use selective invitation to bring new members into our beloved fraternity. The Right Worshipful Grand Master, Robert J. Bateman, instituted a membership initiative for lodges last year in hopes of reversing that trend. If a Lodge increases its membership while maintaining its current membership number, the Lodge will receive \$50.00 from Grand Lodge for every new member who has been raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason. Of the 405 lodges in this jurisdiction, 107 received a check in some amount.

I am pleased to announce that at the recent District Deputy Grand Master's meeting, I received checks for Hermann-Humboldt Lodge No. 125 and Doylestown Lodge No. 245, each for \$50.00. The Worshipful Masters of those lodges were presented with their checks at the March 2nd School of Instruction. Congratulations to those lodges for the increased membership!

SOLOMON'S WORD BUILDER

At some point in your Masonic journey, you may have heard these words spoken. Test your word-power knowledge. This puzzle was created by Br. Robert A. Poland, II and found in the *Indiana Freemason* magazine.

1. Altruism: A. Containing no false statements; B. Complete trickery; C. Unselfish devotion to the interest and welfare of others.
2. Archaic: A. Dealing with architecture; B. An expert in archeology; C. No longer in general use.
3. Esoteric: A. Private; understood by a select few; B. The act of driving out evil spirit; C. The act of memorizing.
4. Operative: A. Working for the CIA; B. Relating to a surgical repair; C. A locomotive engineer; D. Having to do with work or productiveness.
5. Cowan: A. A famous singer/songwriter from the early 1900's; B. One who does the work of a Mason without having served the regular apprenticeship; C. A person who works with cattle; D. Someone constantly in fear.

B (S) D (P) V (E) C (Z) C (T)

RAINBOW GIRLS HOSTING FATHER/DAUGHTER DANCE

The Morrisville Assembly of the Rainbow Girls is hosting a Father/Daughter Dance on April 11th @ 6:30 pm., \$10.00 a couple. Masons in the District are invited to attend with their daughters, granddaughters and/or nieces. Questions or additional details, contact Bro. Tom Gehring, P.M. at tgflyers2002@yahoo.com.