



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

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8th Masonic District School of Instruction

Frey Masonic Center
Norristown Road, Warminster, PA

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

JUNE SCHEDULE

- 01 **8th Masonic District School of Instruction**
- 10 Hermann-Humboldt Lodge Stated Meeting
- 10 Newtown Lodge Stated Meeting
Program: Bullying – Seth Anthony, DeMolay
- 12 Doylestown Lodge Stated Meeting
Program: Examination of a Visitor & Funeral Service
- 15 Southampton Radiant Star Lodge Stated Mtg.
Program: The Secret History of Freemasonry – Tim Juvenal
- 16 Fairless Hills Lodge Stated Meeting
- 17 W.K. Bray Lodge Stated Meeting
Program: Committee of Inquiry Speech
- 19 **8th Masonic District School of Instruction**
- 20 **Quarterly Communication – Grand Lodge**
Pittsburgh, PA

“Manners on Facebook”

I am on Facebook almost all day long checking the status of my family and friends, seeing what is going on in the Masonic world and interacting with The Working Tools readers. You can say I’m a Facebook power user.

Overall, I am connected online 24/7. My iPhone is, for all intents and purposes, surgically attached to my body. You email me and I get back to you right away, I think that is the most polite thing to do. I try to watch my manners and present myself as well as possible to all people at all times.

Put those two paragraphs together and you have the basis of my article, “Manners on Facebook”.

Increasingly, I have seen behavior that makes me shake my Head in disbelief. I understand that we all have lives outside of the Lodge but we represent the Craft all day long, 365 days a year (yes even when we go dark for

the summer months).

Allow me to give you a real-life example

You have the Square and Compasses license plate on your automobile, on the back windshield are emblems for Scottish Rite, York Rite, Shriners, etc. You’re driving way too fast and are cutting people off. The first thing the other drivers are thinking are “The Freemasons are real Jerks” (Trust me-they called you worse names but I cleaned it up to keep it nice). I know I’ve done it before when I see a bumper sticker for an organization and the driver is all over the road.

Now let’s look at this type of reckless behavior online.

You have a profile picture of the Square and Compasses. You often post when you are at a Lodge meeting or appendant body event. You talk about all the good Freemasonry does raising money for sick children and how proud you are for that.

Separately, in another post you are openly cursing, talking about how you hate so and so. You post a picture of a half naked girl or an explicit video clip with content not suitable for all. All these messages are posted on all your friends’ walls and when they respond to you it then gets shown on their wall. Now you have the probability of hundreds or thousands of people seeing what you wrote.

Why does this matter besides tarnishing our reputation? What if one of those people who saw your post was thinking about joining a Lodge? What kind of message are you sending out to him? You now potentially ruined the chance of a great member from asking for a petition. That first impression is something you can never get back.

I’m not a saint, I’ve posted some out there messages but I’m working on being very conscious of my actions and thinking about what I wrote before hitting the send button. It’s a practice I think we can all afford to adopt.

Try to imagine if this is something you would say in an open Lodge meeting. Would you be embarrassed to stand up and say what you wrote on your wall for the world to see? If the answer is “yes” you need to square your actions and act appropriately.

By Bro. Cory Sigler as found in *The Working Tools*

THIS MONTH IN HISTORY

June 5, 1752

Bro. Benjamin Franklin flew a kite for the first time to demonstrate that lightning was a form of electricity.

June 12, 1923

The magician and Mason Bro. Harry Houdini amazed a large and disbelieving audience as he freed himself from a straitjacket while suspended upside-down 40 feet (12 m) above the ground in New York City. The Hungarian entertainer was famous worldwide for staging the most dazzling and difficult escapes. Bro. Houdini was raised August 21, 1923 in St. Cecile Lodge No. 568 in New York City. He later came a member of Mecca Shrine Temple. He died October 31, 1926.

5TH ANNUAL MOVIES UNDER THE STARS AT NEWTOWN LODGE

It's time to dust off the lawn chairs and get out the blankets. Take your children, grandchildren and other relatives and enjoy an evening at the movies.

SCHEDULE OF MOVIES

May 16 - Tangled

June 13 - The Lego Movie

July 11 - Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs

August 8 - Frozen

September 12 - Monsters University

There is no charge for admission and concessions are on a voluntary donation basis. It's a pretty good deal for the price!

If you have any questions about the movies or flea market, please feel free to contact Chuck Simon, P.M. [215-816-5956](tel:215-816-5956) or papachuck5@comcast.net

Quote of the Month

"The genius of Freemasonry is not our Masonic buildings and temples or the trappings of our organizations. It is not our great charities or community activities. It is not our beautiful rituals or their teachings! It is the 'practice of Freemasonry' by the Freemasons. Yet we cannot practice that which we do not know or understand. Thus Masonic education is the foundation for our Fraternity. Brother Carl H. Claudy in The Master's Book says, '.. one thing and only one thing a Masonic Lodge can give its members which they can get nowhere else in the world. That one thing is Masonry.'"

*From the Occasional Bulletin of the Texas Lodge of
Research by Michael L. Wiggins, P.M.,*

Have a Happy and Safe Summer!!

Why is a Beehive seen as a Masonic symbol in some jurisdictions?

The bee was among the Egyptians the symbol of an obedient people, because, says Horapollon, of all insects, the bee alone had a king. Hence, looking at the regulated labor of these insects when congregated in their hive, it is not surprising that a beehive should have been deemed an appropriate emblem of systematized industry. Freemasonry has therefore adopted the beehive as a symbol of industry, a virtue taught in the ritual, which says that a Master Mason "works that he may receive wages, the better to support himself and family, and contribute to the relief of a worthy, distressed brother, his widow, and orphans"; and in the Old Charges, which tell us that "all Masons shall work honestly on working days, that they may live creditably on holidays." There seems, however, to be a more recondite meaning connected with this symbol. The ark has already been shown to have been an emblem common to Freemasonry and the Ancient Mysteries, as a symbol of regeneration – of the second birth from death to life. Now in the Mysteries, a hive was the type of the ark. "Hence," says Faber (*Orig. of Pag. Idol.*, vol. ii, 133), "both the diluvian priestesses and the regenerated souls were called bees; hence, bees were feigned to be produced from the carcass of a cow, which also symbolized the ark; hence, as the great father was esteemed an infernal god, honey was much used both in funeral rites and in the Mysteries."

An Encyclopedia of Freemasonry and Its Kindred Sciences
by Albert G. Mackey

FATHER'S DAY

What do you say to someone
who has been one of
the most essential parts of your world;
someone who took you by the hand
when you were little
and helped to show the way?

What do you say to someone
who stood by to help you grow,
providing love, strength, and support
so you could become the person
you are today?

What can you say to let him know
the he's the best there is,
and that you hope you've inherited
some of his wisdom and his strength?

What words would you say
if you ever got the chance?
Maybe you just say
"I love you Dad..."
And hope he understands.

By: Carey Martin