



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

September 2015

8th Masonic District School of Instruction

Frey Masonic Center
850 Norristown Road, Warminster, PA
Meets Monthly at 7:30 pm

SEPTEMBER SCHEDULE

- 09 Hermann-Humboldt Lodge Stated Meeting
- 09 Newtown Lodge Stated Meeting
Program: Hypnosis and Freemasonry – Bro. Warren Errington
- 11 Doylestown Lodge Stated Meeting
Program: Classical Guitarist and Life w/Phila. Orchestra – Allen Krantz
- 12 Southampton Radiant Star Lodge Banquet-Williamson's
- 12 Newtown Lodge's Movie Under the Stars – Monsters University
- 14 Southampton Radiant Star Lodge Stated Meeting
Program: Freemasonry on Dark Side of the Moon-Our Ancient Roots-Larry M. Miller
- 15 Fairless Hills Lodge Stated Meeting
- 16 W.K. Bray Lodge Stated Meeting
Program: Veteran's Night/Duties of Offices Speech
- 18 **Datestone Ceremony of Grand Lodge of PA**
Masonic Village at Lafayette Hill @ 2:00 pm
- 18 **8th Masonic District School of Instruction**
- 19 **Autumn Days -** Masonic Homes, Elizabethtown
- 26 Bristol Lodge September Stated Meeting
Program: Masonic Symbols in Life
- 26 Doylestown Lodge Spaghetti Dinner
- 27 Fairless Hills Lodge Banquet-Georgine's

For details on events, check the 8th Masonic District website: pa8thmasonic.com or "Like" us on Facebook at: PA 8th Masonic District.

THANK YOU

Thank you to all the Brethren who took time out of their summer to attend the four Sectional Summer School of Instruction sessions. The 8th Masonic District was well represented and our team exemplified a fine 3rd Degree!

MANY EARLY BASEBALL GREATS WERE MASONS

The inaugural induction ceremony of the Baseball Hall of Fame took place in Cooperstown, NY, on June 12, 1939 – 76 years ago.

Of the 10 Hall of Famers in attendance at the first induction, 6 were Masons: Ty Cobb, Cy Young, Tris Speaker, Honus Wagner, Eddie Collins, Grover Cleveland Alexander.

The four "Hall" members who were not Brother Masons included Babe Ruth, Walter Johnson, Napoleon Lajoie and George Sisler.

Ty Cobb was a member of Royston Lodge in Georgia, where his father had served as Worshipful Master; Cobb became a Mason in 1907 and was later a Shriner in Michigan. Denton True "Cy" Young was a member of Mystic Tie Lodge in Uhrichsville, Ohio, and was active in Lodge activities until his death; he was also a member of York Rite, Scottish Rite and Shrine.

Tris Speaker was a member of Hubbard City Lodge in Hubbard, Texas. John Honus Wagner was a Life Member of Centennial Lodge in Carnegie, Pennsylvania, which he joined in 1919. Eddie Collins was a member of Solomons Lodge in Tarrytown, New York, which he joined in 1911; he demitted in 1921. Grover Cleveland Alexander, became a Master Mason in 1923 in St. Paul Lodge in St. Paul, Nebraska; he was expelled for unMasonic conduct in 1930.

The first class of Hall of Fame members – Cobb, Ruth, Wagner and Johnson was elected in 1936. Young, Speaker, and Lajoie were chosen in 1938; Alexander was added in 1938. Collins and Sisler joined the list in 1938 at the time when the National Hall of Fame and Museum building was opened and the first 10 members were formally inducted.

Many other great baseball players were Masons. A few of the well known names include: Mickey Cochrane, Bob Feiler, Jimmy Foxx, Frankie Frisch, Rogers Hornsby, Carl Hubbell, Christy Mathewson, Willie Mays, and Pie Traynor.

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DID YOU KNOW?

Independence Hall in Philadelphia has many Masonic connections. It stands on land purchased by William Allen, Grand Master of PA. The ground was staked by Edmond Wolley, a Mason. Thomas Boude, the brick mason, was the first Secretary of St. John's Lodge of Philadelphia and later Deputy Grand Master. Benjamin Franklin laid the cornerstone while Grand Master (1734) with the assistance of St. John's Lodge. Brother Andrew McNair of Philadelphia rang the bell to call the populace on July 8, 1776, to hear the reading of the Declaration of Independence. The Liberty Bell cracked in 1835 when it tolled the death of Chief Justice John Marshall, Past Grand Master of Virginia.

THIS MONTH IN HISTORY

September 12, 1826

William Morgan was abducted by Freemasons who took him to Fort Niagara. According to some claims, Morgan was murdered. Other accounts state that Morgan was given \$500 to start a new life elsewhere. Whatever the truth, Morgan was never seen again, although his abduction would be a catalyst in the formation of the anti-masonic party.

September 8, 1925

Born at Southsea, Hampshire, England, was Bro. Peter Sellers, an award-winning British comedian and film star, best remembered for his role as the bumbling character, Inspector Clouseau in the "Pink Panther" films, "Dr. Strangelove," and in the BBC radio "Goon Show." He was initiated in Chelsea Lodge 3098 in London. . He died at London, England, July 24, 1980.

Albert Pike's Masonic Library Saved by Enemy Brother

A Union General, Thomas H. Benton, Grand Master in Iowa (1860-62) saved Albert Pike's Masonic Library at Little Rock, Arkansas, by placing Federal Troops around Pike's home when the city was invaded during the Civil War.

Why We Meet

We meet for the purpose of admitting members to our fellowship, to instruct them in the lessons and principles (of Masonry) and to strengthen each other in adherence thereto, said George W. Speth, in a public lecture in 1892.

We meet to hand down to succeeding generations the knowledge and practice of certain ceremonies, which we have ourselves inherited from our Masonic ancestors, and the analogues of which can be traced in the remotest antiquity...Lastly we meet to practice our three grand principles of Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth.

MASONIC STRUCTURE

Worshipful Master

Leaps tall buildings in a single bound
Is more powerful than a locomotive
Is faster than a speeding bullet
Walks on water
Gives policy to GOD

Senior Warden

Leaps short buildings in a single bound
Is more powerful than a switch engine
Is just as fast as a speeding bullet
Walks on water if the sea is calm
Talks with God

Junior Warden

Leaps short buildings with a running start and a favorable wind
Is almost as powerful as a switch engine
Is faster than a speeding BB
Walks on water on an indoor swimming pool
Talks with God if a special dispensation is received

Senior Deacon

Barely clears a Ford Focus
Loses a tug of war with a locomotive
Can fire a speeding bullet
Swims well
Is occasionally addressed by God

Junior Deacon

Makes high marks on the wall when trying to leap tall buildings
Is run over by a locomotive
Can sometimes handle a gun without inflicting self injury
Dog paddles
Talks with animals

Secretary

Lifts buildings and walks under them
Kicks locomotives off the track
Catches speeding bullets in his mouth and eats them
Freezes water with a single glance
He is GOD!!!

Quote of the Month

"Masonic labor is purely a labor of love. He who seeks to draw Masonic wages in gold and silver will be disappointed. The wages of a Mason are earned and paid in their dealings with one another; sympathy that begets sympathy, kindness begets kindness, helpfulness begets helpfulness, and these are the wages of a Mason."

Benjamin Franklin

Who are the Members of Grand Lodge?

The Grand Lodge Officers, Past Grand Masters, Past Deputy Grand Masters, Past Masters by one year's service and the Worshipful Masters and Wardens of all Symbolic Lodges lawfully Warranted and duly Constituted by the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania and under its Jurisdiction.

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