



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

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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)

FEBRUARY CALENDAR

- 01** 8th Masonic District School of Instruction
07 Hermann-Humboldt Lodge Schlachfest, 1:00 pm,
V.E. Club, 130 Davisville Rd., Warminster
10 Hermann-Humboldt Lodge Stated Meeting
Program: 3rd Degree/Masonic Funeral
10 Newtown Lodge Stated Meeting
Program: Freemasonry & Phila.-Myths and Facts
12 Doylestown Lodge Stated Meeting
*Program: Funeral Service/Examination of Visitor &
Recreational Gun Sports, Michael J. McCormick*
15 Southampton Radiant Star Stated Meeting
*Program: Funeral Service & Masonry in the Movies,
Bro. Robert Burns, PDDGM*
16 Fairless Hills Lodge Stated Meeting
17 **Official Visitation – W.K. Bray Lodge**
*Program: Examination of a Visitor and What the
Black Ball is For, Bro. David Moss, PM*
19 8th Masonic District School of Instruction
20 Bristol Lodge Stated Meeting
*Program: The Two St. Johns in Freemasonry, Bro.
William D. Hartman*
27 **Secretary's Seminar, Scottish Rite Cathedral,
Allentown**

See our website for details

THE MASONIC BLOOD CLUB

All Pennsylvania Masons are eligible for membership in the Masonic Blood Club. A donation of one unit of blood provides coverage for the immediate family. Please donate as often as you can — blood supply is a precious gift of life that only you can give.

While we no longer require dues for membership in the Blood Club, we still have operating expenses. Donations are greatly appreciated. Contact your Lodge Blood Club Chairman for additional details.

FREEMASON QUOTES – VALENTINE'S DAY EDITION

"My most brilliant achievement was my ability to be able to persuade my wife to marry me."

Sir Winston Churchill
Studholme Lodge No. 1591, England

"Love is a canvas furnished by nature and embroidered by imagination."

Voltaire
Lodge of the Nine Sisters, France

"Two times a week, my wife and I go to a nice restaurant, have a little beverage, good food and companionship. She goes on Tuesdays; I go on Fridays."

Red Skelton
Vincennes Lodge No. 1, Indiana

"If you are not too long, I will wait here for you all my life."
Oscar Wilde
Apollo University Lodge No. 357, England

"I believe in the institution of marriage, and I intend to keep trying till I get it right."

Richard Pryor
Henry Brown Lodge No. 22 PHA, Illinois

"Heaven grant us patience with a man in love."
Rudyard Kipling
Hope and Esperence Lodge No. 782, India

The Midnight Freemasons Website

Brethren, please remember to take the opportunity to thank your ladies throughout the year, but especially this Valentine's Day. Without their support, our members, lodges and Fraternity will not continue to grow.

A LITTLE MASONIC HUMOR

After receiving the first degree the young husband returned home and was asked how everything went at the lodge. He wanted to evade answering so he said: "I wasn't able to see what was going on." She then told him, "The next time tell them you want to sit closer to the front so that you can see."

THIS MONTH IN HISTORY

February 4, 1902

Born in Detroit, MI was Bro. Charles Augustus Lindberg, first man to fly solo and non-stop over the Atlantic Ocean, New York to Paris, May 20-21, 1927. He did this flying the Spirit of St. Louis. Bro. Lindberg belonged to Keystone Lodge 243, Saint Louis, MO.

February 7, 1940

Walt Disney's animated film "Pinocchio" premiered in theaters around the world. Based on a 19th-century story by Italian writer Carlo Collodi, "Pinocchio" is considered one of Disney's best movies. It's about a wooden marionette's many misadventures during his quest to become a real boy. It is known that Disney was a Senior DeMolay. It is believed he was initiated into Masonry but did not progress further.

February 15, 1941

Bro. Duke Ellington and his orchestra recorded "Take the 'A' Train" for the first time. The African-American jazz musician as composer, arranger and pianist was a significant figure in American 20th Century music. He was initiated into Social Security Lodge No. 1, Washington, D.C. Prince Hall Affiliation. His impression of initiation were recorded in his song, "I'm beginning to see the light," sung by the incomparable Bro. Louis Armstrong, also a Prince Hall Mason.

The Trowel

T is for the tools of the first three degrees,
R for every rule as each brother agrees;
O is for the oath, in making all brothers true,
W is for the work each one of us must do;
E is for the effort to answer every call,
L stands for love...the most important thing of all;
These letters spell **TROWEL**, and as every brother knows;
It spreads love and friendship, wherever it goes.

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.*

DID YOU KNOW?

A BROTHER IN SAVANNAH

Many years after the Civil War had ended, a son of brother L. J. Williams of Downsville Lodge No. 464 New York reported in lodge of a story his father had told him of a Masonic experience he had during the war.

When the war broke out the entered apprentice and the Fellowcraft degrees had been conferred on him in New York. He went out in defense of his country without having been raised to the degree of Master Mason. It was his misfortune to be taken a prisoner of war while at or near Savannah, Georgia.

While he lay in the southern prison, he communicated through letters with some of his friends in the north. His lodge in New York, through proper officials, got in touch with Zerubbabel Lodge in Savannah, and made the request that the Savannah Lodge, as a favor to the brethren of the north, confer the Master Masons degree on the Fellowcraft Brother, L. J. Williams.

One night my father was taken from his prison and conducted to the Savannah Lodge room. It was a remarkable occasion. He wore his bedraggled blue uniform, a token of his sympathy with the cause of the north. All of the chairs were occupied by confederate officers. He was surrounded by men who wore the gray. They were on opposite sides of a struggle to the death, but they were brethren. Then and there he was raised a Master Mason and acclaimed a friend and brother by his enemies.

But the more significant feature of the story was yet to follow. For on the same night my father escaped from his prison and joined his companions of the north. I have visited Savannah since then and looked up the record of his raising. In red ink, on the same page that records the fact that the degree was there conferred, is the brief annotation: "on this night Brother Williams escaped from prison."

I have talked with my father about the matter a number of times. When asked about his 'escape' he always smiles peculiarly. You may put it down as an escape, he told me, but it wasn't an escape, stickily speaking. For on that night some men came to my prison. They put me in a boat and carried me off some distance. Then they deposited me on some neutral soil between the lines. From there I found my way back to my friends.

Who my rescuers were, I have never learned. It is their own secret, and it has never been disclosed. But in my mind I know exactly to whom I may attribute the 'escape' in question. His name is Hiram.

GLOSSARY: WANDS

Wands of the Senior and Junior Deacon are symbolic of those carried by early messengers who, under a flag of neutrality (white), were free to travel. The blue is symbolic of honor.

Masonically, blue indicates universal brotherhood and also represents the blue dome of heaven.

*The Exemplar, 1985
William A. Carpenter, RWPGM*