



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)

APRIL CALENDAR

- 02 Leadership Workshop**, Newtown Square
- 04 8th Masonic District School of Instruction**
- 08 Doylestown Lodge Stated Meeting**
Program: Cigars, J.T. Schaefer, Doylestown Classic Cigar Parlor
- 09 Bristol Lodge Breakfast/Blood Drive**
- 13 Official Visitation - Hermann-Humboldt Lodge**
Program: Past Master Night/Rainbow Girls
- 13 Newtown Lodge Stated Meeting**
Program: Masons and the Law, Bro. Seamus McCaffery
- 15 8th Masonic District School of Instruction**
- 16 Regional School of Instruction, Philadelphia**
- 16 Bristol Lodge Stated Meeting**
Program: Significance of the Knights Templar, Bro. Harry Smith, PM
- 18 Official Visitation – Southampton Radiant Star Lodge**
Program: Relevancy of Freemasonry in Today's World, Rev. William Maxon
- 19 Fairless Hills Lodge Stated Meeting**
- 20 W.K. Bray Lodge Stated Meeting**
Program: Update on Hatboro Anniversary Events, Bro. Timothy Schultz, PM

YOU KNOW YOU'RE A FREEMASON IF...

See if you can relate to all of these Masonic traits. Take the test and see how many you may identify with.

1. When you look at your vacation pictures, you realize that every day you are wearing a different Masonic tee shirt.
2. Your neighbors think you are a waiter working at a fine restaurant because they see you wearing a tuxedo most evenings.
3. You can keep a secret.
4. When stopped by a police officer you hand him your dues card instead of your license.
5. When you see an older building you scrutinize it for Masonic symbols and cornerstones.
6. When you're driving down the street and you see a car ahead of you with a square and compass emblem, you race a head and pull alongside to see if you recognize the driver.
7. When you open your desk top drawer or dresser you see your dues card collection.
8. If you see a man wearing a ring or a lapel pin, you look to see if it is a Masonic ring or pin.
9. The only home cooking you get is at lodge.
10. When you are in church you say SMIB at the conclusion of a prayer when the rest of the congregation says Amen.
11. You drive through parking lots looking for Masonic bumper stickers.
12. Your favorite chair at home faces east.
13. When you stop at a crosswalk and after you look to see if it is safe to walk you knowingly stop off as an Entered Apprentice.
14. You have a love hate relationship with canned green beans.
15. You Google historical figures or people currently in the news to see if they are Freemasons.
16. When you knock on someone's door you expect them to knock back.
17. When you see your doctor for pain in your elbow, and he asks if you have been playing tennis, you say no, been flipping pancakes.
18. If you start most sentences with the phrase, "when I was a Master..."
19. Your wife informs you she is expecting and you secretly (for a fleeting moment) wish to name the child (if it is a boy) Hiram or Mason.
20. After coffee in the morning you look at your Masonic ring and say to yourself, compass points in or out today?
21. You think real men wear aprons.
22. You don't like to walk counter clockwise.

Source: *All Things Masonic* Website

THIS MONTH IN HISTORY

April 9, 1959

NASA announced the selection of America's first seven astronauts: Scott Carpenter; Gordon Cooper; Allan Sheppard, Donald Slayton and, representing the Masonic Fraternity, Brothers John Glenn, Gus Grissom and Wally Schirra.

April 23, 1791

The 15th President of the United States, Bro. James Buchanan, was born at Cove Gap in Franklin County, PA. He was the only US President who never married and he served only one term in office, March 4 1857-March 3, 1861. Bro. Buchanan was initiated into Lodge No. 43, Lancaster, PA on December 11, 1816, passed and raised there January 24, 1817. On December 13, 1820 he was elected Junior Warden and on December 7, 1822, unanimously elected master. On December 27 of 1823 he became his district's first District Deputy Grand Master. He was exalted to the Royal Arch degree in Chapter No 42 in Lancaster, PA. When he died at Lancaster June 1, 1868, his Lodge on June 4 gave him a Masonic funeral that saw four thousand persons in attendance.

QUOTE OF THE MONTH

Ideals are like stars. You will not succeed in touching them with your hands, but, like the seafaring man, you choose them as your guides, and, following them, you will reach your destiny.

Carl Schurtz

WHAT YOU SHOULD LEARN

There are five things in life which everyone ought to learn:

1. Learn to laugh. A good laugh is better than medicine. When you smile or laugh, your brain for the moment is freed from the load that it ordinarily carries.
2. Learn to tell a helpful story. A well-told story is as wholesome and welcome as a sunbeam in a sick room.
3. Learn to keep your troubles to yourself. The world is too busy to linger over your ills and sorrows.
4. Learn to stop croaking. If you cannot see any good in this world, keep the bad to yourself.
5. Learn to greet your friends with a smile. They carry too many frowns in their own hearts to be bothered with any of yours.

(Borrowed)

DID YOU KNOW?

Robert Newman, Sexton of Christ Church also known as the "Old North Church" in Boston was the man who hung the lantern to signal 'The Red Coats Are Coming'. Paul Revere then rode through the countryside to warn the colonists of the impending danger. Both were Masons. The present Rector, after arriving at the Church heard the frequent stories of Freemasonry's involvement there. After investigation of the organization, he too became a member!

A MASONIC SMILE

SMILING is infectious,
You can catch it like the flu,
When someone SMILED at me today,
I started SMILING too.

As I passed around the,
Altar and a Brother saw my grin,
When he SMILED,
I realized that I'd passed it on to him.

I thought about that little smile,
Then realized its true worth,
A single SMILE just like mine,
Could travel around the earth.

CARS AND COFFEE EVENT

Newtown Lodge will hold its first Cars & Coffee event on Saturday morning, April 30th from 8:00 am to 11:00 am. All are invited to bring your classic car or just come and look. Either way you can enjoy a cup of coffee and a cup of fellowship.

Please call Brother Bob Auwarter at 215-321-9773 for details.

BERT LAHR – IRVING LAHRHEIM

Born in New York City on August 13, 1895, he dropped out of school at the age of 15 to join a juvenile vaudeville act and worked his way up to top billing on the Columbia Burlesque Circuit. In 1927 he debuted on Broadway and played to packed houses performing classic routines.

His first major success in a stage musical, of many which followed, was achieved in 1928 as the prize fighter hero of *Hold Everything!* His feature film debut occurred in 1931 with *Flying High* but aside from *The Wizard of Oz* his movie career was rather limited.

According to his son, Bert had terminal cancer but did not know it when he signed to film "*The Night They Raided Minsky's*" – his last film. He agreed to shoot an extensive night scene outdoors in New York City on a cold December night, leading to the pneumonia that was the immediate cause of his death on December 4, 1967.

Brother Irving Lahrheim, better known as Bert Lahr, was a member of Pacific Lodge No. 233, New York City, NY having joined on December 7, 1918.

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