



# 8<sup>th</sup> 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

Webpage: [www.pa8thmasonic.com](http://www.pa8thmasonic.com); Facebook: PA 8<sup>th</sup> Masonic District

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

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### 8th Masonic District School of Instruction

Frey Masonic Center  
850 Norristown Road, Warminster, PA

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

### JUNE CALENDAR

- 06 8th Masonic District School of Instruction**
- 08 Hermann-Humboldt Lodge Stated Meeting
- 08 Newtown Lodge Stated Meeting  
*Program: Masons and the Law, Bro. Seamus McCaffery*
- 10 Doylestown Lodge Stated Meeting  
*Program: Fishing, Raymond Thibodeau*
- 15 W.K. Bray Lodge Stated Meeting  
*Program: School of Instruction Information for New Members, Bro. Ryan Gresh, PM*
- 17 8th Masonic District School of Instruction**
- 18 Bristol Lodge Stated Meeting  
*Program: What Brethren will be doing this summer*
- 20 Southampton Radiant Star Lodge Stated Mtg.  
*Program: Masonic Courtesy, Bro. George Nakonetschny, PM*
- 21 Fairless Hills Lodge Stated Meeting
- 25 Quarterly Communication – Grand Lodge**  
Pittsburgh, PA

### DO YOU KNOW WHERE THE TRAVELING GAVEL IS? WHY NOT IN YOUR LODGE?

To encourage more brethren to visit other Lodges, the Grand Lodge has initiated a Traveling Gavel in each of the seven Masonic Regions (Ours is Region 1). Want to get your hands on a gavel? Well, you better get traveling!

The location of the gavel can be found on the Grand Lodge webpage, [www.pamasons.org](http://www.pamasons.org) under the "Members" section. The rules for capturing the gavel can also be found on that site.

I encourage lodges to band their brethren together and embark on a night of Masonic fellowship by visiting another lodge and bring the Traveling Gavel to the 8<sup>th</sup> Masonic District.

### THE 8<sup>TH</sup> MASONIC DISTRICT TAKES YOU OUT TO THE BALLGAME!

Mark your calendars...July 30<sup>th</sup> bring your friends and family out to a ballgame, all-you-can-eat picnic and fireworks! Add fellowship with the brethren of the district and a photo opportunity with Boomer, the Thunder mascot, and you have one great night! Tickets are \$26.00 per person.

For details on tickets or questions, contact your Lodge Worshipful Master or Brother Uriah Young, event coordinator at 215-437-2167 or [uymason@outlook.com](mailto:uymason@outlook.com). We have reserved a block of tickets but we can increase that number if needed...so ACT NOW!

This is the first district event...let's make it a great success.

## TRENTON THUNDER

### MASONIC - DISTRICT 8 FAMILY EVENT

Saturday, July 30 @ 7pm

Trenton THUNDER  
NEW YORK YANKEES

VS.

Altoona CURVE  
PITTSBURGH PIRATES

Buffet Menu

Entrees	Sides
Hamburgers	Potato Salad
Hot Dogs	Baked Beans
BBQ Chicken	Garden Salad
Veggie Burgers	
Snacks	
Cookies & Chips	

**\$26 Tickets!**

Enjoy a  
**90 Minute Buffet**

For tickets, contact the Worshipful Master of your lodge or  
Uriah Young at [uymason@outlook.com](mailto:uymason@outlook.com)

## 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!

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## THIS MONTH IN HISTORY

June 1, 1813

The 38-gun British frigate "Shammon" met the 38-gun American frigate "Chesapeake" head on off the coast of Boston, MA and exchanged extremely destructive broadsides. "Chesapeake's" Capt. and Bro. James Lawrence was mortally wounded, and as he was being carried below to die, he pleaded with this men: "Don't give up the ship." Though the Americans were defeated the casualties were heavy on both sides. While it is known that Bro. Lawrence was a Mason, his Lodge membership remains a mystery. However, the Grand lodge of New York did resolve that New York City lodges should assemble to join in the funeral procession for Bro. Lawrence. The "Field Book of the War of 1812" reports he was buried with military and Masonic honors. A New York Lodge chartered May 18, 1814, was named after him. Bro. Lawrence was born October 1, 1781.

June 3, 1888

The famous comic ballad "Casey at the Bat" appeared in the San Francisco Examiner on this date. Though attributed to "anonymous" the author was serious poet Ernest L. Thayer who was paid \$5 for the effort that led to most of his other works being forgotten. But it triggered a happy career for Bro. DeWolff Hopper who recited "Casey at the Bat" for the first time at Wallack's Theater in New York City. And no fewer than 10,000 times after that as part of his comic repertoire. The recitation, which made both the poem and himself famous, took five minutes and 40 seconds, and never failed to "bring down the house." Bro. Hopper was raised in Pacific Lodge No 233, New York city, in 1890, and was 32 deg. AASR (NJ), and a member of Mecca Shrine Temple in New York City. He died September 23, 1935.

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## QUOTE OF THE MONTH

We Masons are among the fortunate ones who are taught to meet together with others with opposing convictions or competitive ideas and yet respect each other as Brothers.

Author Unknown

## WASHINGTON'S MASONIC APRONS

Two of George Washington's Masonic aprons have been preserved through the years.

One was made by French nuns and presented at Mt. Vernon, Virginia, by Watson and Cassoul, his French agents, both of whom were Masons. It is owned by Alexandria-Washington Lodge No. 22, Virginia.

The other apron was made by Lafayette's wife and presented to Washington at the same place. This apron was owned by the Washington Benevolent Society, Philadelphia, but now belongs to the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania and may be seen in the Lodge Museum and Library at Philadelphia.

*Facts for Freemasons, Compiled by Harold V.B. Voorhis*

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## THE WORKING TOOLS OF AN E-MASON

I now present to you the working tools of an E-Mason.

They are the mouse....the keyboard... and the modem.....

The mouse is to move within the desktop, the keyboard to input the data, and the modem to publish the data into cyber space.

But as we are not, however, here assembled as Computer Nerds, but rather as Operative or E-Masons, and to us these tools that are downloaded as vehicles of moral significance and to show us the meaning of E-Masons.

And thus we apply them -

The mouse teaches us to keep within the bounds of the screen. A square wherein which we must all meet.

The Keyboard to show us that communication will lead us to a better understanding to each other and the rest of mankind.

And the Modem to teach us that even when we are alone on the most remote part of the globe, we may meet and gain moral sustenance from each other and thus learn more of the wonderful works of our Ancient and Honorable Fraternity.

So mote it be...

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## GLOSSARY: THE APRON

A garment worn over part of the front of the body for protection. In Freemasonry, the lambskin or white leathern apron is an emblem of innocence; the badge of a Freemason. Every Mason must wear an apron on entering a lodge. See Article 15.01 to .04, the *Ahiman Rezon*.

Originally, the apron was worn as a full skin with the legs of the lamb secured by a tape around the Mason's neck. It protected the upper part of his clothing when he clasped a heavy stone. Later as he became more proficient in his trade he had no further use of the upper portion or bib, so he let it hang down over the lower part. The Masonic apron of today is constructed with a triangular piece overlapping the lower portion. The significance of the apron is work. It is the initial gift of the Lodge to a candidate, and it is the final tribute to a Brother.

*The Exemplar, 1985*