



# 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

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October 2016

### 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)

#### OCTOBER CALENDAR

- 03 8th Masonic District School of Instruction**
- 08 Lodge Room Dedication, MV Lafayette Hill**
- 09 Cigar-B-Que, District 8 Event**
- 12 Hermann-Humboldt Lodge Stated Meeting  
Newtown Lodge Stated Meeting  
*Program: Past Masters' Night*
- 14 Doylestown Lodge Stated Meeting  
*Program: Beer, Bros. Kirk Borowski & Louis Schultz, PM*
- 15 Bristol Lodge October Stated Meeting  
*Program: Funeral Service/Examination of Visitor, Bro. Kenneth Roton, PM*
- 17 Southampton Radiant Star Lodge Stated Mtg.  
*Program: Topic TBA, Bro. James Duckett, PM-Prince Hall*
- 18 Fairless Hills Lodge Stated Meeting
- 19 W.K. Bray Lodge Stated Meeting  
*Program: Past Master Recognition*
- 21 8th Masonic District School of Instruction**
- 22 Dress Rehearsal-One Day Class-Allentown**
- 29 Statewide One-Day Class - District 8 & 9**  
**Conferring Master Mason Degree at Scottish Rite Cathedral, Allentown**  
2<sup>nd</sup> Location: LuLu Shrine, Plymouth Meeting

#### **GLOSSARY: LAWFULLY WARRANTED AND DULY CONSTITUTED**

All symbolic lodges working under the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania must have a lawful warrant issued by the Grand Lodge and must be duly constituted by the Grand Lodge before they can be considered legitimate, recognized parts thereof.

Lodge anniversaries are celebrated according to their date of constitution, not the date a warrant was issued.

*The Exemplar, 1985*

### SUMMER EVENTS WERE SUCCESSFUL

This summer, the 8<sup>th</sup> Masonic District was busy with social and educational events. Our District 8 Family Event was on July 30<sup>th</sup> at the Trenton Thunder Game. 102 tickets were sold for the event. Unfortunately, after our members and friends enjoyed the picnic buffet, the game was called for rain. Efforts to reschedule a district-wide rain date was not successful and ticket holders exchanged their tickets for dates that fit in their schedules.

The Summer School of Instruction this year changed it up. Instead of traveling to another local school, we held educational programs on the Tuesdays in July. The classes were: Appointed Chairs 101 in week 1; week 2 & 3 covered Masonic Law, as taught by PDDGMs Bob Burns and Dave Tansey and week 4 was a presentation for wives and others. Last year, the district attendance averaged 17 per week. This year the average was 28 members, with weeks 2 and 3 having 43 and 33 respectively. Excellent feedback has been received from the attending brethren. As a result, we will explore similar type topics next year.

Thank you to those who supported and attended these events.

#### **October 29, 2016 – One Day Journey**

One Day Class being held locally at the Scottish Rite Cathedral, Allentown or LuLu Shrine, Ft. Washington. Come out and support our candidates (6 currently).

Candidates will receive all three degrees and have the opportunity to join the Scottish Rite and/or Shrine. Lodge Petitions need to be voted on prior to October 29<sup>th</sup> to be eligible for the Blue Lodge degrees.

Petitions for the Scottish Rite and/or Shrine are available on their websites. The Scottish Rite is waiving the initiation fee for all Master Masons-Dues of \$98.00 for 2017 will be required. Check your local Shrine for initiation/dues schedule.

## DID YOU KNOW?

### Elevators that Run Sideways

In order to have unbroken floor space in the George Washington memorial in Alexandria, Virginia, the cars in two elevator shafts move sideways thirty-five feet.

As the elevators rise 255 feet in two slanting hoist-ways from the main floor to the observation platform at the top of the building, it moves sideways 1 foot for approximately every 7.28 feet it ascends or descends.

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## THIS MONTH IN HISTORY

October 11, 1759

Bro. Mason Locke "Parson" Weems was born in Dumfries, VA. The traveling bookseller and Episcopal clergyman, who created the fictitious legend about Bro. George Washington cutting down the fabled cherry tree and confessing: "Father, I cannot tell a lie...etc., etc." Most of the Weems stories were distortions offered as fact. But his fictionalized histories were very popular with readers young and old and accepted as true. He was a member of Dumfries Lodge No. 50. Bro. Weems died May 23, 1825 at Beauford, SC.

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## FREEMASONRY IN MOVIES

The appearances of Freemasonry in movies range from the unremarked and irrelevant use of symbols such as the square and compasses on scenery and properties, to the actual enactment of masonic ritual by principal characters. The following Masonic references are some examples.

**The Affair of the Diamond Necklace (2001)**  
Christopher Walken plays Cagliostro, self-styled "the Grand Master of the Illuminati", while Jonathan Pryce, as Bishop Rohen, hides his personal correspondence behind a panel in a desk decorated with masonic symbolism.

**Aliens (1986)**

Sgt. Apone, played by Al Matthews in a strong sympathetic role, wears a masonic ring. [00:28:07]

**Bad Boys II (2003)**

Narcotics officers Mike Lowrey (Will Smith) and Marcus Bennett (Martin Lawrence) use a tile installer's truck, with a square and compasses sticker on the back door [00:18:00].

**Erin Brockovich (2000)**

The cornerstone of the Barstow Courthouse displays a square and compasses.

**Gettysburg (1993)**

When Colonel Chamberlain is knocked to the ground, several soldiers help him up. The corporal on the left has a square and compass patch on his uniform. [02:07:00]].

**Take Me Out To The Ball Game (1948)**

The lyrics in the closing number, a reprise of *Strictly USA*, end with: "Like the annual Elks convention / Like masonic halls or firemen's balls / Like honeymooning at Niagara Falls / They're really here to stay / Cause it's strictly USA."

*Grand Lodge of British Columbia and Yukon website*

## WE SHOULD NEVER BE TOO BUSY

We should never be too busy  
To lend a hand,  
To sit down and listen,  
To understand.

We should never be too busy  
To stop and share,  
Or to show someone else  
How much we care.

We should never be too busy  
For others, it seems  
To build up their hopes  
And encourage their dreams.

Author Unknown

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## QUOTE OF THE MONTH

"The secret of Freemasonry, like the secret of life, can be known only by those who seek it, serve it, live it. It cannot be uttered; it can only be felt and acted. It is, in fact, an open secret, and each man knows it according to his quest and capacity. Like all things worth knowing, no one can know it for another and no man can know it alone."

Dr. Joseph Fort Newton

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## BROTHER ENRICO FERMI - NUCLEAR PIONEER

Enrico Fermi, namesake of the nuclear power plant near Monroe, Michigan, was a leading pioneer in the development of nuclear fission and the first nuclear reactor.

Brother Fermi was born in 1901 in Rome and as a young boy, enjoyed physics and mathematics. He received his undergraduate and doctoral degrees at the prestigious Scuola Normale Superiore in Pisa. He published his first important scientific work in 1922, his year of graduation.

He became a Master Mason in 1923 in the Lodge Andriano Lemni in Rome, Italy.

He took a professorship in Rome at the age of 24 and remained there until 1938 when he won the Nobel Prize in physics.

Upon the discovery of nuclear fission, he went to the University of Chicago, and later to Los Alamos to serve as a general consultant. Brother Fermi contributed significantly to the Manhattan Project, the creation of the first U.S. atomic bomb. He became a U.S. citizen in 1944.

In his later years, he did important work in particle physics and was an inspiring teacher at the University of Chicago. He died in 1954 in Chicago at age 54 of stomach cancer.

In 2001, to commemorate his 100th birthday, both Italy and the United States issued stamps to honor Brother Fermi.