



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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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
1st Monday and 3rd Friday (Except July and August)

NOVEMBER CALENDAR

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| 07 | 8th Masonic District School of Instruction |
| 09 | Hermann-Humboldt Lodge Stated Meeting
Newtown Lodge Stated Meeting
<i>Program: Recognition of Veterans/Nat'l
Sojourners-Building of the Flag</i> |
| 11 | Doylestown Lodge Stated Meeting
<i>Program: Planes, David Tonkin, Wings of Freedom
Aviation Museum</i> |
| 12 | Bristol Lodge November Stated Meeting
<i>Program: Past Masters' Night/Veteran Recognition
Night</i> |
| 15 | Fairless Hills Lodge Stated Meeting |
| 16 | W.K. Bray Lodge Stated Meeting
<i>Program: New Member Night-Exemplifying EA
Degree</i> |
| 18 | 8th Masonic District School of Instruction |
| 21 | Southampton Radiant Star Lodge Stated Mtg.
<i>Program: Making Good Men Better, Bro. George
Hixon, PM</i> |

**Dec. 7 Grand Lodge Quarterly Communication,
Philadelphia**

ONE DAY CLASS UPDATE

The Statewide One Day Class was held on October 29th.

As of this writing, the 8th Masonic District had seven candidates divided between the two local venues. Bristol Lodge had one candidate at LuLu Shrine; W.K. Bray Lodge had two at LuLu Shrine and one at the Valley of Allentown and Doylestown Lodge had three scheduled to attend the class at the Valley of Allentown.

Congratulations to our new brothers.

THE CIGAR-B-QUE WAS SMOKIN'

The 8th Masonic District held its first Cigar-B-Que on October 9th with 25 brothers and non-members in attendance. From all the good reports, it was a great success to the point brothers have requested we run another one next year. Stay tuned for the date.

Similar to the custom after lodge meetings in the early to mid 20th century, it was a relaxing evening of great food, beverage, conversation and of course...cigars. How can you go wrong when you couple the smoke of excellent cigars and smoked meats with crisp air and a fire pit?

Because of the support and generosity of the Bucks County FOP Lodge No. 53 and our vendors, four cigars and four tastings were able to be provided. Our vendors were:

- Billy D's Bar-B-Que and Catering, Bristol, 215-826-8292 or www.billydsbbq.com
- Hiram and Solomon Cigars, New Jersey, www.hiramandsolomonicigars.com.

Please visit our Facebook page for photos of the event.

THANK YOU TO PAST MASTERS

At a recent Lodge meeting, the Past Masters were recognized and asked to share any thoughts they may have had on being a Worshipful Master. I would submit this thought this for your consideration.

We often hear, or have said, the phrase, "You get out of Freemasonry what you put into it." This is true and is personified in a Worshipful Master. He has reached that major benchmark as a result of his commitment during his Masonic Journey.

That said, a Lodge gets out of Freemasonry what the Worshipful Master puts into it. If the Master provides strong leadership, communicates well, has good programs, and fellowship opportunities, the Lodge will profit thereby and will be stronger with more engaged members. To those Masters...thank you.

DID YOU KNOW?

Masonic Character

Freemasonry has always been true to its name, and the real Mason is the builder of the temple of his own character.

Its mission is to furnish high ideals for the individual, that may be reflected in his actions towards his fellow men.

The Masonic ideal teaches that moral and spiritual attainments are far more important than the material and physical.

THIS MONTH IN HISTORY

November 8, 1731

Bro. Benjamin Franklin laid the cornerstone for the foundations for a library which developed into the Philadelphia Public Library, the first public library in America. He was raised at St. John's Lodge of Philadelphia to begin an auspicious Masonic career.

November 11, 1966

Gemini 12 blasted off from Cape Kennedy., Fl. with astronauts James A. Lovell and Bro. Irwin (Buzz) Aldrin, Jr. On this the final flight for Gemini, Bro. Aldrin space-walked for 5 1/2 hours on November 15, after an Agena link-up. Bro. Aldrin was initiated in Montclair Lodge 144, Montclair, New Jersey.

EXPENSE ACCOUNT

In the Archives of Vincennes Lodge No. 1, Indiana is a "Bill of expenses in going to Corydon, attending the Convention and returning home", which was submitted by General Washington Johnston in December 1817. It includes such necessities as the cost of shoeing his horse, a supply of whisky, the fee for crossing White River on a ferry, and "rum and sugar for journey."

(The Indiana Freemason-December 1967)

THE ORIGIN OF THE TERM FELLOW CRAFT

The term "Fellow" has a long and distinguished history, most commonly used to denote that one is of higher status than just being a member of some organization. One becomes a fellow of a research or educational society, for example, by being voted into that position after having done research and being published. Members of teaching staff of a university who are not full members of the faculty are sometimes called "teaching fellows." In the guide from which we believe Masonry arose, a "Fellow of the Craft" had roughly the same status as a journeyman would have today. When Masonry had only one Degree there was a section, known as the "Fellow's Part" which was conferred on those who had shown a mastery of the material of the Apprentice Degree.

Further Light...Helpful Information for New Master Masons by Jim Tresner

IT IS THE SOLDIER

It is the Soldier, not the minister
Who has given us freedom of religion.

It is the Soldier, not the reporter
Who has given us freedom of the press.

It is the Soldier, not the poet
Who has given us freedom of speech.

It is the Soldier, not the campus organizer
Who has given us freedom to protest.

It is the Soldier, not the lawyer
Who has given us the right to a fair trial.

It is the Soldier, not the politician
Who has given us the right to vote.

It is the Soldier who salutes the flag,
Who serves beneath the flag,

And whose coffin is draped by the flag,
Who allows the protester to burn the flag.

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DISASTER APPEAL FOR LOUISIANA

The Masonic Service Association has established a Disaster Relief Fund for Louisiana, following drenching rainstorms and massive flooding. Thousands of homes and buildings have been damaged or destroyed, with 70,000 persons reportedly displaced.

The magnitude of the storm was described by the America Red Cross as the "worst natural disaster in the United States" since Hurricane Sandy in 2012. Recovery is expected to take months, and the lack of communication in flooded areas continues to cause issues in finding information and victims.

The Grand Lodge of Louisiana reported that two Lodge buildings have been heavily flooded, and the building of the Scottish Rite Valley of Baton Rouge, which houses three additional Lodges, incurred significant amounts of flooding and damage. Many Masons and Masonic families are among the 70,000 displaced.

Please forward to the MSA such donations, which you feel are appropriate to help our devastated Brothers, their families and others in this stricken jurisdiction. Please make checks payable to **MSA Disaster Relief Fund** and send them to: Masonic Service Association, 3905 National Drive, Suite 280, Burtonsville, MD 20866. When remitting funds to MSA, please mark checks, "*Louisiana Appeal*."

Also, donations may be made on MSA's webpage – www.msana.com -- with the use of a credit card. This allows funds to reach their destination faster. MSA is a 501 (c) (3) charitable organization.

Masonic Service of America website

QUOTE OF THE MONTH

Opportunity is missed by most people because it is dressed in overalls and looks like work. - Thomas A. Edison