



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

Website: www.pa8thmasonic.com; Facebook: PA 8th Masonic District

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

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8th Masonic District School of Instruction

Frey Masonic Center at Masonic Village-Warminster
850 Norristown Road, Warminster, PA

Meets Monthly at 7:30 pm

Stated Meeting: 1st Monday

Extra Meeting: 3rd Friday – If Needed/Called
(Except July and August)

FEBRUARY CALENDAR

- 04 Bristol Lodge Stated Meeting
*Program: Exemplification of all Working Tools,
Bro. Gene Porter, P.M.*
- 06 **8th Masonic District School of Instruction**
- 08 Hermann-Humboldt Lodge Stated Meeting
- 08 Newtown Lodge Stated Meeting
*Program: Exemplifying Examination of a Visitor
and Funeral Service*
- 10 **Official Visitation - Doylestown Lodge**
*Program: Chiropractic Care, Bro. Matthew
Gibbs*
- 15 W.K. Bray Lodge Stated Meeting
Program: Washington's Crossing
- 20 Southampton Radiant Star Stated Meeting
*Program: The Appalachian Dulcimer: The
American Traditional Instrument, Bro. Tim
Juvenal, P.M.*
- 21 Fairless Hills Lodge Stated Meeting
- 25 **Secretary Seminar, Scottish Rite Cathedral,
Allentown**

CORRECTIONS

Apologies for errors in the January 2017 District Newsletter:

Brothers Frank R. Strassacker and Eric A. Carlson, members of W.K. Bray Lodge No. 410, earned the Grand Lodge Master Builder Award. Their names were printed incorrectly.

If there appeared to be something cut off at the end of the "More Freemasonry in Movies" article. It was the reference, "Grand Lodge of British Columbia and Yukon website"

SCHOOL OF INSTRUCTION REVAMPED

At the Board of Governors' Meeting on January 9th, it was agreed that the 8th Masonic District School of Instruction will hold its Stated Meeting on the first Monday of each month. School business, exemplifications, check-outs and one-on-one ritual instruction will take place at that meeting. An education component will also be added.

If an extra meeting is needed for a brother to exemplify a degree, it will be called for on the third Friday. A call-em-all will announce the scheduling of an extra meeting as will the district webpage and Facebook page. So, unless one is called, there will be no meeting on the 3rd Friday.

It is anticipated that attendance will increase with this new platform. Please come out and join your brethren of the 8th Masonic District on the first Monday.

ARE YOUR DUES PAID

It is that time again when your 2017 should have been paid. Brethren, it should not take members of your lodge to take up their time and work to reach out to you to ensure you have renewed your membership in our great Fraternity.

Each year, brothers or their families need the assistance of Grand Lodge programs and services only to find they are not eligible due to having been suspended for non-payment of dues.

Membership in PA Masonry entitles every member and his family to gain access to the vast array of high quality services available at our Masonic Villages. These include retirement living and health care services, whether it be personal care, rehabilitation, or specialized care for those with Alzheimer's Disease. Thanks to the generosity of our donors, individuals can continue to receive these services for the rest of their lives regardless of their ability to pay, should the need arise.

In addition, membership includes the services provided by the Masonic Outreach Program. Individuals and families seeking information, education and direction can find assistance they need through the Outreach Program Staff to help them understand the services available.

With these valuable programs and services and others, your dues should be considered as insurance for you and your family. Please be sure your dues are paid immediately.

DID YOU KNOW?

Music for our National Anthem

John Stafford Smith (1750-1836), a member of Royal Somerset House and Inverness Lodge No. 4, London, wrote the music which became our national anthem.

Its original use is not known, but at an early date it was used by an Irish Masonic orphans' home as its song. When Francis Scott Key utilized this music for the Star Spangled Banner, it was a popular drinking song known as To Anacreon in Heaven.

NEW AMERICAN UNIVERSITY LODGE

On March 12, 2016 a new chapter in the history of the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia was begun with the formal installation of the officers of AU Lodge, UD (Under Dispensation).

A lodge usually comes into being when a certain number of brethren petition the Grand Master, who, if it is his pleasure, issues a dispensation which forms these brethren into a provisional lodge, or a lodge under dispensation. The powers of the U.D. lodge are strictly limited; it is not yet a "regularly constituted lodge" but an inchoate sort of organization. Not until the Grand Lodge has authorized the issuance of the warrant does it assume the status of a "regular" lodge, and not then until it is consecrated, dedicated and constituted by the Grand Master and officers.

This new lodge is composed of brothers who have an affiliation and affinity for American University. Members of the new lodge include current students, alumni, faculty, staff, advisory board members and their relatives. Throughout the United States, more and more Grand Lodges are seeing lodges whose membership has a university affinity, such as, Harvard Lodge, Boston University Lodge, Patriot Lodge affiliated with George Mason University, and The Colonial Lodge affiliated with The George Washington University.

The Installation was held at the DC Scottish Rite using lodge furniture generously loaned by Albert Pike Lodge, No. 33. The installation was presided over by RW Br. Richard J. Bautista, Senior Grand Warden and was assisted by RW Br. Christopher K. Mahaney, Grand Lecturer.

Following the installation MW Br. Leonard Proden, PGM in his role as Sovereign Grand Inspector General for the Scottish Rite, presented a very generous check to the lodge to support the Matthew C Shlonsky Memorial Fund established at American University's School of International Service. (Shlonsky was an AU alumni and a friend of several AU Lodge members. He was tragically killed while standing in front of a Metro station last August.)

www.dcgrandlodge.org

and *Introduction to Freemasonry*, Vol. 1, Carl H. Claudy

THIS MONTH IN HISTORY

February 24, 1836

Bro. Samuel Colt received a patent for the revolver associated with his name. He was only 21 at the time. From early childhood, Bro. Samuel Colt was fascinated by the mechanics of firearms. As a teenager he worked as a shipping hand, and at the age of 16, aboard a ship bound for India, he carved a wooden model of a handgun with a revolving chamber. The idea was suggested to him by the wheel of the ship, with its mechanism of spokes aligned by a clutch. After five years of development and refinement of his "revolver", he patented a working model in England and France, and the following year, on February 25, 1836, he received a U.S. patent. However, sales of the early revolvers were slow, and the company that was marketing them went bankrupt. Bro. Colt's fortunes brightened in 1847 when the U.S. Army ordered 1,000 of the handguns for use in the Mexican War. From then on demand soared, and Colt set up the world's largest armory in his hometown of Hartford, Connecticut. Colt Firearms Company helped the South to build up its firearm supply prior to the Civil War, but once the war broke out, the company was fully devoted to supplying the Union Army. Samuel Colt died in 1862; his invention and company have since become American legends. Bro. Colt's Masonic activities were centered in Hartford, CT.

February 1, 1901

In Hadiz, OH, Bro. William Clark Gable, was born legendary movie star. His first film, "The Painted Desert," was made in 1931 when talking films were replacing silent films. Bro. Gable won an Academy Award for his role in "It happened one Night," which established him as a romantic, national screen idol. For more than 30 years he played leading roles in more than 70 films. He was also in the enormously successful "Gone with the Wind." In 1933 he was initiated in Beverly Hills Lodge No. 528, in Beverly Hills CA. He died November 16, 1960, in Hollywood, CA, shortly after finishing his last film, Arthur Miller's "The Misfits".

WHAT IS FREEMASONRY?

In the home, it's kindness
In society, it's courtesy
In business, it's honesty
In work, it's fairness
Toward the unfortunate, it's pity
Toward the wicked, it's resistance
Toward the weak, it's help
Toward the strong, it's trust
Toward the penitent, it's forgiveness
Toward the fortunate, it's congratulations
Toward the Grand Architect, it is reverence and love –
THIS IS MASONRY.

Bro. John Cornish, Lodge No. 855, New York

QUOTE OF THE MONTH

Three rules of work: 1. Out of clutter, find simplicity. 2. From discord, find harmony. 3. In the middle of difficulty lies opportunity.

Albert Einstein