



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

March 2017

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 with due and
timely notice.

(No Meetings in July and August)

MARCH CALENDAR

- 04 Morrisville Assembly of Rainbow Girls
Installation, Lower Bucks Masonic Center
- 05 Friendship-Bray Chapter of DeMolay Installation,
Jenkintown Masonic Temple
- 06 8th Masonic District School of Instruction**
- 08 Official Visitation - Newtown Lodge**
Program: Masonic Etiquette
- 08 Hermann-Humboldt Lodge Stated Meeting
- 10 Doylestown Lodge Stated Meeting
*Program: Rescuing & Adopting Animals,
Samantha Sakovics-Lucky You Animal Rescue*
- 11 Official Visitation – Bristol Lodge**
*Program: Exemplification of Funeral Service,
Bro. Ron Riley, P.M.*
- 11 Newtown Lodge Roast Beef Dinner, Lower
Bucks Masonic Temple
- 15 W.K. Bray Lodge Stated Meeting
*Program: Freemasonry History, Bro. Tim
Schultz, P.M.*
- 18 Academy of Masonic Knowledge, Masonic
Village, Elizabethtown**
- 20 Southampton Radiant Star Lodge Stated Mtg.
*Program: The Master's Top Hat, Bro. Tom
Labagh, P.M.*
- 21 Fairless Hills Lodge Stated Meeting
- 25 Leadership Seminar- ALL WM, SW, JW
MUST ATTEND, SAP, Newtown Square**

QUOTE OF THE MONTH

"A man only learns in two ways, one by reading, and the
other by association with smarter people."

Will Rogers, American humorist and Freemason

A STORY WITH A MORAL

A Mason was hunting in the forest. A terrible storm
came up. He looked for shelter but here was none. It
was raining in torrents so he crawled into a hollow log. It
fitted snugly. The rain lasted for hours and the water
soaked through the wood. The log began to contract.
The storm abated and the man tried to get out, but could
not.

He strained but to no avail. The log held him tight. He
knew he would die of starvation unless he could free
himself. His whole life flashed before him, especially his
mistakes. Suddenly he remembered he had not paid his
lodge dues. This made him feel so small that he was able
to crawl out of the log. The moral of this story is: Do not
let your dues accumulate until you are in a tight pinch.

Tied to Masonic Apron Strings, Stewart M.L. Pollard

Note: If you have not already done so, please remit your
dues as soon as possible to avoid any further action. Should
you find yourself in a tight financial situation, contact your
Worshipful Master or Secretary and discuss it with him.

300 YEARS OF FREEMASONRY

2017 marks the 300th birthday of Freemasonry, celebrating
how three hundred years ago, on June 24, 1717, four
London Lodges came together to form a Grand Lodge, the
first in the world. Since the charters in the United States can
be traced to the United Grand Lodge of England, it may be
considered our celebration also.

ROAST BEEF DINNER FUNDRAISER

Newtown Lodge No. 427 will be hosting a Roast Beef
Dinner on Saturday, March 11, 2017 from 4 pm-7pm.
Proceeds will go toward their 150th Anniversary
Celebration.

The dinner will be held in the Lower Bucks Masonic Hall
(Newtown Lodge building) at Edgewood and Heacock
Roads, Woodside, PA. Tickets are \$15.00 Adults, \$8.00
Children 4-12 and Children under 4 are Free.

For tickets or information contact Brother Bob Auwarter
at 215-321-9773.

DID YOU KNOW?

A Masonic Incident During the U.S. Civil War

A little incident, containing some mystical interest, transpired in Wayne County, South Carolina, during the late war. It is as follows:

It was late at night, the husband was absent, and the wife, alone with her children, had retired. Three or four soldiers rudely knocked at the door of the house, and demanded entrance and something to eat. The good lady told them that it was too late, that she had nothing cooked, but fearing they would break the door, she got out of bed, and opened it to expostulate with them.

They insisted that she should cook something for them, and while she was getting ready, and they were roaming about the house, one of the party, who seemed to be the leader, happened to find a copy of Mackey's "Masonic Jurisprudence." Turning over he found the name of the poor, frightened woman's husband written on the fly-leaf.

"Is this your husband's?" he inquired of the lady. "Yes sir," was the timid reply.

"Is he a Mason?"

"Yes Sir."

"Come, boys, right about-march!" and immediately the house was cleared and quickly closed.

A TO Z

We should know every letter
In our Craft's alphabet;
And some of them are better
Than others are, and yet
Each one as an initial
Some phase of brotherhood
May show as beneficial,
And all of them are good.
If we would praise be earning,
We'll let our brothers see
We have sufficient learning
To go from A to Z.
Then let us all work harder,
Show how we really feel.
Yes, let us start with Ardor,
And let us end with Zeal.

Worshipful. Brother Walter K. Belt, Newport, Oregon

MASONIC YOUTH ORGANIZATION MEETINGS

There are two opportunities for you to come out and support our Masonic youth and complete a requirement if you are working toward the Master Builder Award.

Saturday, March 4th at 2:00 pm, the Morrisville Assembly of Rainbow Girls will be holding an open installation at Newtown Lodge. On Sunday, March 5th at 12:00 pm, the Friendship-Bray Chapter of DeMolay will be holding their open installation at the Jenkintown Masonic Temple.

See the District Calendar on our webpage for details.

THIS MONTH IN HISTORY

March 1, 1932

20-month-old Charles A. Lindbergh, Jr., the son of Bro. Charles A. and Anne Morrow Lindbergh, was kidnapped from their home at Hopewell, NJ. Even though the Lindberghs paid a \$50,000 ransom, their child's body was found in a wooded area less than five miles from the family home on May 12. As a result of the kidnapping and murder of the Lindbergh baby, the Crime Control Act was passed on May 18, 1934. It authorized the death penalty for kidnappers who take their victims across state lines.

March 18, 1963

The US Supreme Court issued its ruling, written by Bro. Hugo Black, in the Gideon v. Wainwright case. The decision was unanimous in reversing the conviction of Clarence Gideon. Ruling that the due process clause of the 14th Amendment extended to state as well as federal cases, the Court allowed Gideon to be retried, this time with the aid of a lawyer. At his second trial, Gideon was found innocent of the charges. The Gideon v. Wainwright ruling was a landmark decision. It clearly established that all persons charged with serious crimes must be provided with an attorney. Based on that decision, states are required to appoint attorneys for all defendants who cannot afford to hire their own.

BROTHER JACK LaLANNE

Bro. Jack LaLanne, KCCH, passed away on January 23, 2011. He was an American fitness, exercise, and nutritional expert, celebrity, lecturer, and motivational speaker who was widely referred to as "The Godfather of Fitness." Bro. LaLanne gained worldwide recognition for his success as a chiropractor and body-builder and for his incredible feats of strength and endurance. Through his career, he won numerous awards including the Horatio Alger Award from the Association of Distinguished Americans, and has a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame and Hall of Fame.

Francois Henri "Jack" LaLanne was born September 26, 1914, in San Francisco, California. At age 15 he heard Paul Bragg speak on health and nutrition which had such a powerful influence it motivated Jack to focus on his diet and exercise habits. He was truly a pioneer as he studied Henry Gray's *Anatomy of the Human Body* and concentrated on bodybuilding, chiropractic medicine, and weightlifting, something virtually unheard of in the 1930's.

In 1936 Bro. LaLanne opened a health club in Oakland, California, and designed several exercise machines. He had a television show from 1951 to 1985, and was one of the first national "fitness gurus," encouraging everyone to exercise regularly and eat healthy.

Bro. LaLanne was raised a Master Mason on March 17, 1949, in Chateau Thierry Lodge No. 569 which later merged with Crow Canyon Lodge No. 551 in Castro Valley, where he was still a member. He received the 32°, in the Valley of Oakland, California, and received the rank and decoration of a Knight Commander of the Court of Honour in 2009.

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