



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

May 2017

8th Masonic District School of Instruction

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

Meets Monthly on the 1st Monday at 7:30 pm
Extra Meeting on the 3rd Friday – If Needed/Called with due
and timely notice.
(No Meetings in July and August)

MAY CALENDAR

- 06 Bristol Lodge Stated Meeting
Program: Bring a Friend Night
- 08 **8th Masonic District School of Instruction**
- 10 Hermann-Humboldt Lodge Stated Meeting-
Norman Hall, Masonic Temple, Philadelphia
- 10 Newtown Lodge Stated Meeting
*Program: First Responders Program/Family
Night*
- 12 Doylestown Lodge Stated Meeting
*Program: Richard Coyle, Exec. Director of
Simpson House Nursing Homes-Elder Living and
Care*
- 13 *Star Wars* Movie Night, Newtown Lodge
- 15 Southampton Radiant Star Lodge Stated Meeting
*Program: Bro. Bob Burns, PDDGM-Masonic
References in the Movies & Bro. Geo. Stivenson,
Jr.-1st Responder Presentation*
- 16 **Official Visitation – Fairless Hills Lodge**
- 17 W.K. Bray Lodge Stated Meeting
Program: Past Master's Night
- 18 Blood Drive-Doylestown Lodge
- 20 Movies Under the Stars-*Bolt*, Newtown Lodge
- 27 Blood Drive-Hermann-Humboldt/Southampton
Radiant Star/Morning Light OES
- 29 Pancake Breakfast-Doylestown Lodge

THANK YOU TO THE AUDIT COMMITTEES AND MEMBER RETENTION COMMITTEES

Thank you to the Brethren who worked so diligently to get the information together for your audit to be submitted to the Grand Lodge on time. Also to those who worked to reduce the number of brethren at risk of suspension. Your efforts are much appreciated.

MASONIC BLOOD DRIVES BEING HOSTED

Give the Gift of Life. There is a desperate need for blood donations, especially O-negative, and the American Red Cross needs your help. Every two seconds someone in the United States needs blood. Please consider supporting one of the following Masonic Blood Drives.

Tuesday, May 18, 2017

Doylestown Lodge will be hosting a Blood Drive on Tuesday, May 18th from **2:00pm-7:00pm at the Masonic Temple, 55 East State Street, Doylestown.**

Registration can be made online at the Red Cross website. Walk-ins are accepted. Questions? Contact William Kane 215-794-8072

Saturday May 27, 2017

Hermann-Humboldt Lodge, Southampton Radiant Star Lodge and Morning Light Chapter-Order of the Eastern Star will be hosting a Blood Drive on Saturday, May 27th from **10:00am-3:00pm at the Masonic Village-Warminster, 850 Norristown Road, Warminster.**

Registration can be made online at the Red Cross website. Walk-ins are accepted. Questions? Contact Rosemarie Fabiano Kloss 267-977-3693.

All Pennsylvania Masons are eligible for membership in the Masonic Blood and Organ Donor Club. A donation of one unit of blood provides coverage for the immediate family. Please donate as often as you can — blood supply is a precious gift of life that only you can give. For details, go to www.pamasons.org/bloodclub.

THANK YOU TO THE BRETHREN WHO ATTENDED THE REGIONAL SCHOOL

The Regional School of Instruction was held on Saturday, April 8th at the Masonic Temple in Philadelphia. The 8th Masonic District exemplified the Entered Apprentice Degree. The officers did a great job and Brother Kirk Borowski, Doylestown Lodge, received excellent comments on his presentation as Worshipful Master.

Congratulations and thanks to all who took time out of their weekend to participate on the team or support them on the sidelines. It was a worthwhile day of Masonic Education.

WHEN THE TIME COMES...DO YOU WANT A MASONIC FUNERAL?

At the recent Leadership Training Seminar the following form was presented as a way to ensure that your desire to have a Masonic Funeral is known. Once completed, it should be placed with your will and/or important papers.

To: My family, friends, attorney, executor and/or funeral director:

Let there be no doubt in anyone's mind: **I want a Masonic Funeral Service.**

In order to allow the largest number of my Brother Masons to attend, I ask that you consider scheduling the Masonic Funeral Service to occur at, or after 7:30pm, if during the week. The Masonic Funeral Service may take place at the same time as my family service, but it is not required. It can occur the evening or morning before the final service or at a viewing. If I am in possession of a Past Master's Jewel and/or Apron, please contact the lodge to discuss what is proper to do with them.

For arrangements, please contact the Worshipful Master or Secretary of _____
[Lodge Name, No.]

_____ who are listed on the attached Lodge Meeting Notice.
[City, State]

Please call until you reach someone who will immediately begin planning my final Masonic request.

Sincerely,

Member's Printed Name

Signature

Date

(Your current lodge notice, at the time of signing, should be attached to this form to provide contact information)

THIS MONTH IN HISTORY

May 6, 1851

Inventor John Gorrie was granted a U.S. patent for an ice-making machine. Bro. Gorrie's invention was the first U.S. patent for mechanical refrigeration. His machine was initially designed for treating yellow fever. Bro. Gorrie is considered the father of refrigeration and air-conditioning: His statue appears in Statuary hall of the US Capitol. A bridge, a high school, a chapter of Order of Eastern Star, and a Liberty Ship were named in his honor. He was a physician by profession. He was a charter member of Franklin Lodge No. 6, Appalachia, Fl, and was later its secretary/treasurer.

May 10, 1850

Bro. Thomas Johnstone Lipton, Scottish Merchant who founded Lipton, Ltd. In 1898, a company known for its tea, coffee and soups was born in Glasgow, Scotland. A famous merchant, he was equally famous as a yachtsman, having raced his yacht, Shamrock in the America's Cup five times between 1899 and 1930. He was knighted in 1898 and made a baronet in 1902. Bro. Lipton was initiated in Scotia Lodge 178, Glasgow, Scotland, in 1870. He died October 2, 1931 in London.

QUOTE OF THE MONTH

Ideals are like stars. You will not succeed in touching them with your hands, but, like the seafaring man, you choose them as your guides, and following them, you will reach your destiny.
Carl Schurtz

UPCOMING DISTRICT EVENTS

May 13th - 7:30 PM, Star Wars Movie Night at the Lower Bucks Masonic Hall, Edgewood and Heacock Rds, Woodside, PA. See the April Newsletter for details.

May 20th – Movies Under the Stars- Bolt, Newtown Lodge, Edgewood and Heacock Rds, Woodside, PA. First movie of Season 7!

May 29th – 7:00am-12:00pm, Memorial Day Pancake Breakfast, Doylestown Lodge, 55 East State Street, Doylestown. Come enjoy a delicious pancake breakfast before watching the oldest Memorial Day Parade in the country that starts at 10:00am.

A LITTLE MASONIC HUMOR

A lady was complaining to her friend that her husband was attending too many Masonic meetings. The other lady said, "I had the same trouble years ago but I solved it easily. One night when my husband, Mike, came to bed late after attending a Masonic meeting, I sleepily asked, "Is that you Frank?" and he stopped going to meetings.

DID YOU KNOW?

Charles McCue, born on the 14th June in 1756 in Northern Ireland, became a mason at the age of 18.

He migrated to Canada in 1837 and affiliated to St Johns Lodge No 68, Ingersoll, Ontario.

When he died on 5th May 1870, he had been a mason for almost 95 years.