



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

June 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)

JUNE CALENDAR

- 03 Bristol Lodge Stated Meeting
Program: First Aid and Summer Safety
- 05 **8th Masonic District School of Instruction**
- 09 Doylestown Lodge Stated Meeting
*Program: Podcasting, Lee Fritz & Rock
Peterson-Unclaimed Bands Podcast*
- 14 Hermann-Humboldt Lodge Stated Meeting
- 14 Newtown Lodge Stated Meeting
Program: What It Takes to Be an Eagle Scout
- 16 **No School of Instruction**
- 19 Southampton Radiant Star Lodge Stated Mtg.
*Program: Entertainment and Family Night,
Bro. Paul Big Bear Swanger*
- 20 Fairless Hills Lodge Stated Meeting
- 21 W.K. Bray Lodge Stated Meeting
Program: DeMolay Demonstration
- 24 **Quarterly Communication, Pittsburgh, PA**

MOVIES UNDER THE STARS

Newtown Lodge No. 427 is celebrating their 7th Season of Movies Under the Stars. Bring your blankets and lawn chairs for an evening of great movies for the whole family. At will donations are accepted for the movie and snacks.

- June 24th Storks
- July 22nd Beauty and the Beast, with a special
appearance by Belle
- August 12th Zootopia

This event is open to all Masons, friends and neighbors.

THE 2nd ANNUAL 8TH MASONIC DISTRICT CIGAR-B-QUE EVENT SCHEDULED

Mark your calendars on October 8th for our second Cigar-B-Que event being held at the Bucks County FOP Lodge Picnic Grove. Following rave reviews from the attendees last year, it was decided to hold it again this year.

This is a fellowship event open to all Masons and their friends, and; it is a great opportunity to sit back, relax and enjoy a cigar, barbeque and conversation. Attendees **MUST** be 21 years of age or older.

The price will include 3 cigars from Hiram and Solomon Cigars, tastings, bar-b-que and beverages. For tickets, contact DDGM Rich Bradbury. Tickets must be paid in advance, no later than October 1st.

Remember to bring a friend and bring a chair!!

2nd Annual 8th Masonic District Cigar-B-Que Event

Sunday, October 8, 2017
4:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Bucks County F.O.P. Picnic Grove
1058 Millcreek Road, Wycombe, PA
(Newtown, PA for GPS)



\$65.00 per person
(MUST be 21 yrs. of age or older!)
Casual Dress
Bring your own chair

Includes: 3 Cigars, tastings, Bar-B-Q, beer and
soda!

Proceeds to benefit Masonic Charities

For Tickets: Email: DDGM08@pagrandlodge.org or Call:
215-852-3532

THIS MONTH IN HISTORY

June 2, 1897

Bro. Mark Twain, 61, was quoted by the New York Journal as saying from London, "The report of my death was an exaggeration." The line was afterwards frequently quoted. Twain, whose real name was Samuel Langhorne Clemens, was a member of Polar Star Lodge No. 79 in St., Louis, MO. At one point he was suspended but reinstated on April 24, 1867. However, he demitted October 8, 1868 and never again affiliated with any Lodge.

June 7, 1776

Bro. Richard Henry Lee of Virginia proposed to the Continental Congress a resolution calling for a Declaration of Independence. He was a member of the Virginia House of Burgesses in 1769 and prominent in defending colonial rights. He was a Virginia delegate to the Continental Congress when he moved the resolution that "these united colonies are and ought to be, free and independent states; that they are absolved from all allegiance to the British crown, and that all political connection between them and the State of Great Britain is, and ought to be, totally dissolved." This was adopted by the Continental Congress on July 2, 1776. Bro. Lee was believed raised in a lodge near Nailers, VA, across the Rappahannock River near Hobb's Hole. He later became a member of Hiram Lodge No. 59, Westmoreland County, VA. He died June 19, 1794.

QUOTE OF THE MONTH

"The way I see it, if you're scared of something you'd better get busy and do something about it. I'd call that a challenge – and I believe the way to grow is to meet all the challenges as they come along."

Bro. Audie Murphy

THE LETTER "E"

Someone had advanced the opinion that the letter "E" is the most unfortunate character in the English alphabet, because it is always out of cash, forever in debt, never out of danger, in hell all the time, and has never been in Indiana, Ohio, or Masonry.

But we call his attention to the fact that "E" has doubled up in Freemasonry and is never in war and always in peace. It is the beginning of existence, the commencement of ease and the end of trouble.

Without it there would be no meat, no life, no Heaven. It is in the center of honesty, makes love perfect and without it there would be no editors and no news.

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

To all the Brothers who are Fathers and Grandfathers,
we wish you a Happy Father's Day!

OPENING ODE

Great architect of earth and heaven
By time or space confined,
Enlarge our love to comprehend
Our brethren, all mankind.

What'er we are, whate'er we do,
Thy presence let us own;
Thine Eye, all-seeing, marks our deeds
To thee all thoughts are known.

While nature's works and science's laws
We labour to reveal
O! be our duty done to thee,
With fervency and zeal.

With Faith to guide and humble Hope
Warm Charity and Love,
May all at last be raised to share
Thy perfect Light above.

This Opening Ode was used at the laying of the foundation-cornerstone of a new Masonic Lodge building in Chatham, Canada, on June 3, 1863.

The Freemason's Bedside Book, John Mandleberg

DID YOU KNOW?

CHEVALIER CHARLES D'EON, MAN OR WOMAN?

The Chevalier Charles D'Eon of France was born on October 5, 1728, and was given the name Charles Genevieve Louise Auguste Andre Timothee Deon de Beaumont and was born of a noble family.

Although his sex was being questioned, he became a Freemason in 1766 in the Lodge of Immortality No. 376, which met at the Crown and Anchor in the Strand, London. He served as Junior Warden in 1769 and 1770. He had many talents; he was an expert fencer and an able diplomat who successfully negotiated the Treaty of 1763 ending the Seven Years' War.

He had an effeminate appearance and occasionally masqueraded as a woman. His enemies in France accused him of being a woman masquerading as a man. Masons wondered whether a woman had been initiated into the Craft. The controversy about his sex caused considerable gambling and the speculation got out of hand. Finally an insurance company filed a suit to have the matter adjudicated. Witnesses testified that he was a woman. About this time he accepted an offer of Louis XVI to accept a pension, return to France, and resume the garb of a woman. From this time on he wore women's clothes with rare exception. When he died on May 21, 1810, a competent physician performed an autopsy and clearly proved that D'Eon was a man.