



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

September 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)

SEPTEMBER CALENDAR

- 02 Bristol Lodge September Stated Meeting
Program: First Responders' Night
- 04 **No School of Instruction – Labor Day**
- 08 Doylestown Lodge Stated Meeting
*Program: Comic Books, Steve Gursky-Former Owner
of Steve's Comic Relief*
- 13 Hermann-Humboldt Lodge Stated Meeting
- 13 Newtown Lodge Stated Meeting
Program: Rusty Mason's Night
- 15 **8th Masonic District School of Instruction-
Rehearsal for One Day Class**
- 18 Southampton Radiant Star Lodge Stated Meeting
*Program: History of PA Game Commission, Bro.
George Nakonetchny, P.M.*
- 19 Fairless Hills Lodge Stated Meeting
- 20 W.K. Bray Lodge Stated Meeting
Program: New Member Night
- 23 **Statewide One Day Class, PA Grand Lodge Masonic
Temple**
- 23 Southampton Radiant Star Banquet, Vereinigung
Erzgebirge Club, Warminster – Reservations needed
- 30 Bristol Lodge October Stated Meeting
*Program: Past Masters' Night/Veteran's
Appreciation*

UPCOMING EVENTS

- December 6, 2017 – Quarterly Communication (Election
of Grand Lodge Officers, Grand Lodge of PA
Masonic Temple, Philadelphia, PA
- December 27, 2017 – Annual Communication-Open
Installation of Grand Lodge Officers and
Banquet, Hershey Lodge, Hershey, PA

GET YOUR TICKETS FOR

THE 2nd ANNUAL

8TH MASONIC DISTRICT

CIGAR-B-QUE EVENT-OCTOBER 8TH

October 8th is the date for our second Cigar-B-Que event being held at the Bucks County FOP Lodge Picnic Grove, 1058 Millcreek Road, (GPS-Newtown, PA) Wycombe, PA. It will be held from 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm.

This is a social event open to all Masons and their Masonic/Non-Masonic friends and family. 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 of \$65.00 per person will include a minimum of 3 cigars from Hiram and Solomon Cigars, tastings, food from Bill D's Bar-B-Q and assorted beverages.

Tickets must be paid in advance, no later than October 1st. Order Forms are available on the District website www.pa8thmasonic.com

For ticket information contact DDGM Rich Bradbury at ddgm08@pagrandlodge.org or 215-852-3532. Checks are to be made payable to "8th Masonic School of Instruction" and mailed to Richard Bradbury, 5874 Lexington Drive, Pipersville, PA 18947. Include your name, phone number, email address and how many people.

Picnic Tables are available but for extra comfort you are encouraged to bring a chair with you. Also remember to bring a friend!



THIS MONTH IN HISTORY

September 13, 1814

On the night of September 13th Bro. Francis Scott Key was aboard a ship that was delayed in Baltimore Harbor by the British attack on Fort Henry. Bro. Key had no choice but to anxiously watch the battle. That experience and seeing the American flag still flying over the Fort the next morning inspired him to pen the verses that coupled with the tune of a popular drinking song became our official National Anthem in 1931 - 117 years after the words were written.

September 14, 1901

Bro. William McKinley, then President of the United States, was shot at Buffalo, NY. He died eight days later. His assassin Leon Czolgosz was executed on October 29, 1901. The 25th President of the U.S. was initiated in Hiram Lodge 21 at Winchester, VI on May 1, passed on May 2, and raised on May 5, 1865. He was affiliated with Canton Lodge 60 at Canton, OH, and was a member of Mark and Royal Arch, and a Knight Templar.

QUOTE OF THE MONTH

If you want to know where the future of Freemasonry will grow and prosper it's simple in the heart, in your heart, in my heart, and in the hearts of those who follow us.

Conrad Hahn

WHY IS ACACIA A MASONIC SYMBOL?

In putting acacia at the Master's temporary grave, Freemasonry follows beliefs which go back to the captivity of the Jews in Egypt. Here acacia was supposed to have grown about and protected the chest into which Osiris had been tricked by his jealous brother, Typhon. Searching for her husband, Osiris, Isis discovered the tree in the home of a Phoenician king; for service she rendered the king, he gave her the tree and thus the body of her husband.

Like the evergreens of this country, acacia is hardy. Sprouts come often from beams and columns made of acacia, the shittah wood of the Old Testament. The Jews planted it on graves as a symbol of life, and to mark the resting place of the dead that footsteps profane it not.

As myrtle was to the Greeks, mistletoe to the Scandinavians and lotus to the Egyptians, symbols of immortality, so is acacia to Freemasonry.

One Hundred One Questions About Freemasonry, MSA, 2013

ONE DAY MASONIC JOURNEY

A reminder that the Masonic One Day Class will be held on Saturday, September 23, 2017 starting at 7:30 am at the Grand Lodge Masonic Temple, Philadelphia. The 8th Masonic District is conferring the Master Mason Degree. Please come out and support our brothers.

THE ENTERED APPRENTICE DEGREE

“Let there be light!” the great Creator spoke,
And, at the summons, slumbering nature awoke,
While from the east the primal morning broke,
Back rolled the curtains of the night,
And earth rejoiced to see the light.

“Let there be light!” the Master's lips proclaimed,
And heart and hand unite in glad acclaim
To hail th' enrollment of a Brother's name,
While he beholds with ravished sight
The glories of the perfect light.

-Thomas W. Davis

The Craft and Its Symbols, Allen E. Roberts, 1974

DID YOU KNOW?

FREEMASONS AT GETTYSBURG CAPTAIN JAMES HEAD – Age 25 at Gettysburg

Born: March 12, 1838, Newtown, Pennsylvania

Died: June 10, 1887, Glanville, PA, age 49

James Head was promoted to captain of the U.S. Army in 1863. He was wounded at Gettysburg and he fought in the 25th Pennsylvania Infantry. He served with the 1st Brigade, 2nd Division, 3rd Corp. They lost 59.4%, killed, wounded and missing during the fighting of the second day at Gettysburg. He served in the army throughout the nation's bloodiest war only to be killed by lightning, at age 49, in the yard outside his home.

Mason: Captain James Head was a member of the Philadelphia Lodge, in Philadelphia where he was also a member of Knights Templar.

Freemasons at Gettysburg, Sheldon A. Munn, 1993

MISSOURI'S FIRST

Grocery stores were questionable places in 1852, if we may believe this section of the by-laws of Sedalia, Missouri's first lodge:

Visiting a grocery store for the purpose of playing at cards, or any other game of chance, shall be found guilty of un-Masonic conduct.

And the lodge did a banking business among its members:

On motion, resolved that the W.M. in the absence of the treasurer be authorized to loan any money on hand belonging to the lodge and not needed for the expenses of the lodge upon such terms as shall be conducive to the interest of the lodge.

In later records we find that a rate of 6 per cent was conducive to the interest of the lodge.

Tied to Masonic Apron Strings, Stewart M.L. Pollard, 1974