



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

October 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)

OCTOBER CALENDAR

- 02 8th Masonic District School of Instruction**
- 08 Cigar-B-Que District Event**
- 11 Hermann-Humboldt Lodge Stated Meeting
- 11 Newtown Lodge Stated Meeting
Program: Masonic Villages
- 13 Doylestown Lodge Stated Meeting
Program: Mutter Museum, Susan Landers
- 16 Southampton Radiant Star Lodge Stated Mtg.
Program: Scottish Rite Freemasonry: History and Present Day, Bro. Doug Robinson, P.M.
- 17 Fairless Hills Lodge Stated Meeting
- 18 W.K. Bray Lodge Stated Meeting
Program: Past Master Night/Lodge History, Bro. Michael Imperial, P.M.
- 21 Autumn Days, Masonic Village, Elizabethtown**
- 28 Academy of Masonic Knowledge, Masonic Village, Elizabethtown**

LOOKING AHEAD

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 @ The Hershey Lodge. This event is open to all – Masons, non-Masons and ladies. Lunch is free but you must have a ticket so they can plan. Reservations may be made through your Worshipful Master or District Deputy Grand Master Richard Bradbury.

December 27, 2017 – Banquet Dinner/Entertainment by Tim Behrens of McManus Comedies (a family friendly show). \$90.00 pp – Advanced Tickets Required through DDGM Bradbury

JOIN US FOR AUTUMN DAY

On Saturday, October 21st from 10:00 am-3:00 pm
Masonic Village-Elizabethtown will host Autumn Day.

If you have never attended, it is a great day for the whole family. There is a variety of foods for you to enjoy from hot dogs, sausage, bean soup, ice cream, beverages and more all at no charge.

Things to do include activities for the children, tours of the Village, a craft fair featuring beautiful pieces made by the Woodworking Club, an extensive display of all sizes of model trains, masonic organization booths and music of all kinds. You can end the day by stopping at the Masonic Village Farm Market for baked goods, fruits, vegetables and more. It is a great place to buy your Halloween pumpkin!

Come out for a fun Fall day in beautiful Lancaster County. I hope to see you there.

TIME IS RUNNING OUT... GET YOUR TICKETS TO THE 8TH MASONIC DISTRICT CIGAR-B-QUE EVENT

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. Ticket 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.

THIS MONTH IN HISTORY

October 8, 1890

Bro. Edward V. Rickenbacker, WW One Flying Ace, was born in Columbus, OH. After a stint as an auto racer he became a flyer and during World War One commanded the 94th Hero Pursuit Squadron, becoming America's leading "Ace." He became President of Eastern Airlines after the war but on the outbreak of World War II returned to the military and was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross with nine clusters and the Congressional Medal of Honor for his bravery on special missions. He was a member of Kilwinning Lodge 297 in Detroit, MI. He died July 23, 1973, at Zurich, Switzerland.

October 10, 1886

Griswold Lorillard of Tuxedo Park, NY fashioned the first tuxedo for men, a form of black and white tailored suit and shirt that has long played a significant mode of dress for Masons. Not too well known about the tuxedo is its symbolic adaptation to the black and white "Beau Seant" which served as the banner of the Knights Templar during the Crusades. The Templar banner was vertical, divided into two bars or blocks. One was solid black, to symbolize the dark world of sin that the Templars left behind, and one was pure white, to reflect the pure life of the order. The banner's name, "Beau-Seant" was also the Templar battle cry. While today the term "beau" is taken to mean "beautiful," in medieval French it meant a lofty state for which translators have offered such terms as "noble," "glorious," and even "magnificent." As a battle cry, then, "Beau Seant" was a charge to "Be Noble" or "Be Glorious."

QUOTE OF THE MONTH

Success in life depends primarily upon three things: discovery of who you are, what you can do best, and where you are going.

Henry C. Clausen

YOUR BEST

It matters not what tools we use,
But that we use them well;
For some must write and some must print,
While others buy and sell;
And some must preach and some must pray
And some must plot and plan;
But this rule holds for one and all –
Just do the best you can.
Trestleboard Tidbits, The Masonic Service Assoc. 2008

GLOSSARY: BLUE

The color of symbolic Masonry representing the canopy of heaven, Blue is the appropriate color of the first three degrees of ancient craft Masonry, and has been explained as emblematic of universal friendship and benevolence, instructing us that in the mind of a Mason those virtues should be as extensive as the blue arch of heaven itself.

The Exemplar, William A. Carpenter, RWPGM

WHAT HAPPENED TO THE DEPUTY?

At the opening of Grand Lodge in England, December 7, 1955, the Earl of Scarbrough, Grand Master, said:

Brethren, I have to offer you the apologies of the Deputy Grand Master, Lord Derby, for his absence. He is required today to attend a police court – as a witness – of course.

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

DID YOU KNOW?

SYMBOLS IN EGYPT

Ancient Egypt has ever been of interest to the student of Masonry. In ancient Egypt we find the building of temples and the teaching of character building by the use of symbols at an early period. We also find a legend that is of the most fascinating interest to every Mason.

Our ancient brother, the great Pythagoras, is reputed to have received the degrees of Masonry in Egypt.

The Greeks borrowed freely from the Egyptians, and the Eleusinian mysteries contain the same allegory of the resurrection to a future life as those of Persia and Egypt, with modified detail. In the foundation of Cleopatra's Needle in 1879 were found a rough ashlar, a perfect ashlar, a square, a trowel, a trestle-board and a hieroglyph (meaning temple), all placed in such position as to show that they were used as symbols.

AN AWKWARD SITUATION

We sometimes assume that our ceremonial activities are peculiar to Freemasonry and fail to realise that much of what we do is common currency in many different times and places. Then again, there are those who, while failing to trace any connection between cause and effect, still assure us, for example, that because a Square and Compasses appear in Chinese pictograms a few thousand years ago, there "must" be a connection between this and present-day Freemasonry. Even these theorists might find some difficulty in establishing a connection between English Freemasonry and African tribal customs.

Sir Lionel Brett was District Grand Master in Nigeria at a time when, in addition, he was not only Chief Justice of the then Colony, but also engaged in writing the Constitution of the soon-to-be independent Nation. He later wrote of an incident which occurred at this time.

In Nigeria a Yoruba Chief was elected for Initiation into Freemasonry, but refused to submit to the hoodwink, saying that when made a Chief he had been deprived of and restored to light, and would not go through it again. That was that.

(Sir Lionel Brett, private communication to present author,
5th November 1984)

The Freemason's Bedside Book, John Mandelberg