



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

November 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)

NOVEMBER CALENDAR

- 04 Bristol Lodge November Stated Meeting
Program: Veteran Recognition Night
- 06 **8th Masonic District School of Instruction**
- 08 Hermann-Humboldt Lodge Stated Meeting
- 08 Newtown Lodge Stated Meeting
Program: Veterans' Recognition
- 10 Doylestown Lodge Stated Meeting
Program: Travis Manion Foundation
- 15 W.K. Bray Lodge Stated Meeting
Program: Recognition of Veterans/Presentation of Flags
- 17 **8th Masonic District School of Instruction – if needed. Brethren will be notified if being held.**
- 20 Southampton Radiant Star Lodge Stated Mtg.
Program: Recognition of Military Veterans
- 21 Fairless Hills Lodge Stated Meeting

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

ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL CIGAR-B-QUE

The second 8th Masonic District Cigar-B-Que was well received by the 27 attendees! All reportedly enjoyed the food and fellowship. Thanks to our vendors: Billy D's Bar-B-Q and Doylestown Brewing Company for excellent food and drink. A special thank you to Brothers Eddie and George of Hiram and Solomon Cigars for their cigars as well as their educational and entertaining conversation.

WELCOME TO LODGE 9

September 1, 2017 was the first meeting of Lodge 9 in their new home at Masonic Village-Warminster. Formerly meeting in the Tacony Masonic Temple, they explored other locations due to a declining attendance. After extensive research, they identified the top reasons to explain why members were no longer going to meetings and sought locations that met their criteria to correct those issues. They found the Frey Masonic Center at MV-Warminster met all their needs.

Their officers met with lodge officers from those lodges within a five mile radius of the Masonic Center as well as executives from the Masonic Villages and presented their research and conclusion. All were impressed by their work and agreed on supporting their move. After petitioning the Right Worshipful Grand Master requesting permission to move their warrant, approval was received.

Lodge 9 remains in Masonic District D even though they have changed their location to share space with lodges in the 8th Masonic District. Houseman Lodge, No. 211, also a lodge in that district, currently meets at Bristol Lodge which is the 8th Masonic District.

Lodge 9 meets on the first Friday of the month at 7:30 pm. Dinner is served at 6:30 pm. The Worshipful Master is Gregory T. Hample, P.M.

The Frey Masonic Center is also home to Hermann-Humboldt Lodge, Southampton Radiant Star Lodge and the Southampton Square Club.

THIS MONTH IN HISTORY

November 1, 1782

Bro. Joseph Michael Montgolfier and Bro. Jacques Etienne Montgolfier, of Annonay, France, conducted experiments which led to the invention of the hot-air balloon, man's first flight and the entire science of aviation and flight. The brothers, both Freemasons, were inspired by Joseph Priestley's book *Experiments Relating to the Different Kinds of Air*. They experimented with filling paper and fabric bags with smoke and hot air, leading to the invention of the hot-air balloon; Their first flight was made in 1783, followed by another at Paris watched by a crowd of 300,000., which included Bro. Benjamin Franklin. The Bros. Montgolfier were initiated in Lodge Les Neuf Soeurs, at Paris, in 1784.

November 8, 1848

The first lodge chartered in Indian Territory was on this date and was named Tahlequah, Cherokee Nation U.D. #21. (U.D. – Under Dispensation)

QUOTE OF THE MONTH

Each lodge is an oasis of equality and good will in a desert of strife, working to wield mankind into a great league of sympathy and services, which, by the terms of our definition, it seeks to exhibit now on a small scale.

J. F. Newton

ELIZABETH ST. LEGER or THE HONORABLE MRS. ALDWORTH

In 1735 Lodge #44 at Doneraile, Ireland usually met at Lord Doneraile's home who was Master of his Lodge. His sister also lived with him, Elizabeth St. Leger.

Knowing that the meeting was about to open Elizabeth hid in a storage room adjoining the lodge room. She removed a brick that she had loosened from the wall a few days before and watched the conferring of the Fellow Craft degree.

When the meeting was about to close, Elizabeth realized what she had done, and in her nervous attempt to leave knocked over some storage boxes. The Tiler hearing the ruckus sounded the alarm and ran to dispatch the intruder. Lord Doneraile appeared just in time to save her life.

After questioning her the members re-assembled and deliberated on what to do about this intrusion. After two hours of heated debate, cooler heads prevailed. She was given two alternatives, either she submit to receiving the first two degrees in Masonry or other arrangements would be made for her. Miss St. Leger being able to hear some of the debate gladly accepted.

Mrs., or more appropriately Sister Aldworth after marriage, was so taken by the lessons of charity and Fraternal love shown to her upon being passed to the degree of Fellow Craft that night, that she spent her life and considerable wealth helping the poor in general and the Masonic poor in particular.

The Masonic Trowel

FREEMASONS, FROGS AND CENTIPEDES

A centipede was happy until a frog in fun said, "Pray which leg comes after which?"

This raised her mind to such a pitch, she lay distracted in the ditch, considering how to run.

I forgot where I first read this jinglet, but are not we Freemasons playing centipede? On every hand we hear the croaking of what ails Freemasonry, while we metaphorically lie distracted in the ditch of our own indolence.

Our troubles would pass away like clouds in a summer sky if we started living Freemasonry instead of talking about it. The charge to a newly installed Master contains the essence of Masonic instruction:

"When a man is said to be a Freemason the world at large may know that he is one to whom the burdened heart may pour forth its sorrow, whose hand is guided by justice and whose heart is expanded by benevolence."

Let us get up out of the ditch and go to work. There's lots to be done.

(J.P. Myers, British Columbia-in the *California Freemason*)

THE GUY IN THE GLASS

When you get what you want in your struggle for pelf,
And the world makes you King for a day,
Then go to the mirror and look at yourself,
And see what that guy has to say.

For it isn't your Father, or Mother, or Wife,
Who judgement upon you must pass.
The feller whose verdict counts most in your life
Is the guy staring back from the glass.

He's the feller to please, never mind all the rest,
For he's with you clear up to the end,
And you've passed your most dangerous, difficult test
If the guy in the glass is your friend.

You may be like Jack Horner and "chisel" a plum,
And think you're a wonderful guy,
But the man in the glass says you're only a bum
If you can't look him straight in the eye.

You can fool the whole world down the pathway of years,
And get pats on the back as you pass,
But your final reward will be heartaches and tears
If you've cheated the guy in the glass.

Dale Wimbrow (1895-1954) ©1934

AHIMAN REZON – ARTICLE 19.01

"Dues are payable at the beginning of each year." Dues notices have gone out. Please pay your dues before the end of the year. It is not fair for lodge brothers to have to take their time to contact you. It is your responsibility. If you need assistance, contact your Secretary. Thank you.