



# 8<sup>th</sup> 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*

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### 8th Masonic District School of Instruction

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

Meets Monthly on the 1<sup>st</sup> 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)

### JANUARY CALENDAR

- 08 **8th Masonic District School of Instruction-**  
Board of Governors' Meeting
- 10 Hermann-Humboldt Lodge Stated Meeting  
*Program: Freemasonry and Notable Masons*
- 10 Newtown Lodge Stated Meeting  
*Program: Anticipated First Meeting of the Merged  
Lodge*
- 12 Doylestown Lodge Stated Meeting  
*Program: Landmarks of Freemasonry*
- 18 Southampton Radiant Star Lodge Stated Mtg.
- 17 W.K. Bray Lodge Stated Meeting  
*Program: Installation Night at the Celestial  
Lodge*
- 27 Masonic Breakfast Honoring RWGM Herritt  
LuLu Shrine Auditorium, Plymouth Meeting
- 27 Bristol Lodge Stated Meeting  
*Program: Masonic Heroes and Influences in the  
Lives of Brethren*

### CONGRATULATIONS TO NEWLY INSTALLED OFFICERS

We congratulate the newly installed officers of the lodges  
in the 8th Masonic District. May they have a successful  
year and may the lodges prosper.

### 2018 IS AN ANNIVERSARY YEAR IN THE DISTRICT

This year, the district will host Grand Lodge officers as  
three lodges celebrate anniversaries:  
W.K. Bray Lodge and Newtown Lodge will each celebrate  
their 150th Anniversary. Southampton Radiant Star Lodge  
will be celebrating 50 years of Freemasonry.

### MASONIC SCHOLARSHIP RESOURCE GUIDE

The Masonic Scholarship Resource Guide, otherwise  
known as the M.S.R.G., is a booklet that outlines all of  
the scholarships available through the Pennsylvania  
Masonic Community. This opportunity is open to all  
youth of the PA Masonic fraternity, whether a part of the  
Masonic Youth Groups, or though Masonic Affiliation.  
With over 70 different scholarships available, there is  
certainly one that applies to your family. The 2018  
Resource Guide is now available.

Do you have a son, daughter or grandchild who will be  
starting or continuing their college education this  
upcoming year? Do you know a member of the Masonic  
Youth Organization who may need some money for  
school? If so, you may want to check out this booklet.

The booklet is available online for instant access at  
[pmyf.org](http://pmyf.org). The application can be found on the website  
as well, so find the scholarship that applies to you, make  
note of the deadline, and send in the application. To  
request a printed copy of the Masonic Scholarship  
Resource Guide, or for more information, please call the  
Pennsylvania Masonic Youth Foundation office at 800-  
266-8424, or contact them at [pmyf@pagrandlodge.org](mailto:pmyf@pagrandlodge.org).

*Masonic Youth Minutes, Nov-Dec 2017*

### LODGE MERGER UPDATE

As you may know, last year the members of Fairless  
Hills Lodge No. 776 voted to approach Newtown Lodge  
No. 427 requesting to merge with them.

After diligent work being done by the Merger  
Committee, comprised of representatives of each lodge,  
it was recommended to the respective lodges that the  
merger take place. Each lodge subsequently voted to  
approve merging with the other.

As of this writing, the paperwork has been forwarded to  
the Grand Lodge requesting their consideration to  
approve the merger. A decision is anticipated by the  
Annual Communication.

## THIS MONTH IN HISTORY

### January 24, 1917

Ernes Borgnino, better known as Ernest Borgnine was born in Hamden, CT. Bro. Borgnine was best known for his tough guy roles, but won his Oscar for playing the shy butcher in "Marty" in 1955. He also became well known for his role in television's and film's "McHale's Navy." He was a member of Abington Lodge No. 48, Abington, VA.

### January 14, 1943

US President and Bro. Franklin Delano Roosevelt and British Prime Minister Bro. Winston Churchill opened a conference in Morocco.. The conference would end on January 24 with the announcement by both wartime leaders and Masons that the war would not end until the allies achieved the unconditional surrender of Germany, Italy and Japan Bro. Roosevelt would be heard to say that he was determined to destroy the "philosophies of those countries which are based on conquest and the subjugation of other people. The conference would also lead to the opening of a southern front and the invasion of Sicily.

## BOSOM BEATING

I am getting weary of the endless bosom-beating over the lack of lodge attendance. Whatever is wrong with lodge attendance today was wrong 26 years ago when I became a Mason, and it was wrong the year I was Master of my lodge. There were times when it was difficult to get enough out to open lodge. But looking back on that year, I have to admit that much of the trouble was my own fault. Some of my meetings were such a bore that I go to almost any length to avoid attending that kind of meeting today. When I actually made an effort to prepare a lodge activity that was worthwhile – *and truly Masonic in character* – I had no trouble filling the chairs.

(M.W. Bro. Dwight L. Smith, Indiana Proceedings-1960)

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

## IT'S A FACT...

We are accustomed to see the Master of a lodge sit in the East and the Wardens in the West and South. Is there another arrangement?



Yes, in many continental lodges, the Wardens sit in the West – one at each corner of the triangle with the apex in the East. Also true in some Scottish lodges.

Name famous early American authors whose works contain Masonic references.



Lew Wallace in *The Prince of India*; Edgar Allan Poe in *The Cask of Amontillado*.

*Facts for Freemasons*, Harold V.B. Voorhis (1979)

*Wishing you a Happy and Healthy New Masonic Year!*

## WILL A SECRETARY GO TO HEAVEN?

If a Secretary writes a letter, it's too long.

If he sends a postal, it's too short.

If he doesn't send a notice, he is lazy.

If he attends a committee meeting, he is butting in.

If he stays away, he is a shirker.

If he duns the members for dues, he is insulting.

If he fails to collect the dues, he is slipping.

If he asks for advice, he is incompetent.

If he does not, he is bull-headed.

If he writes his reports complete, they are too long.

If he condenses them, they are incomplete.

If he talks on a subject in Lodge, he is trying to run things.

If he remains quiet, he has lost interest in the meeting.

Ashes to Ashes

Dust to Dust

If others won't do it... The Secretary must!!!

## DID YOU KNOW?

### An Ancient Document

In tracing the genealogy of Freemasonry we eventually arrive at the date 1390 A.D., when the Regius manuscript, the oldest known and most important version of the Old Charges, is supposed to have been written.

Traditions lead back to the creation of the world, and include most of the great teachers of mankind as Masons; but to those who insist upon applying the approved methods of historical research to the study of Freemasonry, the Regius Manuscript affords a starting point in cumulative documentary evidence relative to the direct ancestry of the fraternity.

The Regius Manuscript, as it is known, is a poem written on sixty-four pages of vellum, handsomely bound.

It was presented to the British museum by King George II, in 1757.

It was at first catalogued as a poem of Moral Duties, and this may have caused its tardy discovery in 1839 as a Masonic document.

## QUOTE OF THE MONTH

I have walked with people whose eyes are full of light but see nothing in sea and sky, nothing in city streets, nothing in books. It were far better to sail in the night of blindness with sense, and feeling and mind than to be content with the mere act of seeing. The only lightless dark is the night in ignorance and insensibility.

Helen Keller