



# 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, Southampton Radiant Star Lodge No. 806

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*Richard H. Bradbury, Sr. – District Deputy Grand Master*

March 2018

### 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)

### MARCH CALENDAR

- 03**     **Officer Training Workshop-Region 1**, Masonic  
Village-Lafayette Hill (ALL RETURNING WM, SW,  
JW AND MENTORS IN 2019 MUST ATTEND
- 05**     **8th Masonic District School of Instruction**
- 09**     **Official Visitation - Doylestown Lodge**  
*Program: 300th Anniversary of Grand Lodge of  
England*
- 14**     Hermann-Humboldt Lodge Stated Meeting  
*Program: Called to the Bar of Justice: The Trial of  
Jacques DeMolay*
- 14**     Newtown Lodge Stated Meeting  
*Program: The Almoner's Fund History & Purpose  
/Funeral Service and Examination of a Visitor*
- 16**     **8th Masonic District-Extra Mtg. (if needed)**
- 17**     **Academy of Masonic Knowledge**, Elizabethtown
- 19**     Southampton Radiant Star Lodge Stated Mtg.  
*Program: Royal Arch Chapter*
- 21**     W.K. Bray Lodge Stated Meeting  
*Program: Landmarks of Freemasonry*
- 24**     Advisory Board Penny Party, MV – Warminster
- 31**     **Official Visitation – Bristol Lodge (EA)**  
*Program: Northeast Chapter of DeMolay-Their  
Shield and Significance of the Character on It*

### ADVISORY BOARD OF MV WARMINSTER HOSTING PENNY PARTY BENEFIT

On Saturday, March 24, 2018, the Advisory Board is hosting  
a Penny Party to benefit the residents at the Masonic Village.  
Doors open at 10:30 am, Tables close at 1:00 pm and the first  
drawing is at 1:15 pm.

Admission is \$5.00 (includes food, beverage and door prize  
ticket). Penny Party ticket cards will be sold, 25 tickets for  
\$2.00.

### STILL TIME TO JOIN US AT THE ACADEMY OF MASONIC KNOWLEDGE

The RW Grand Master has charged the District Deputy  
Grand Masters with going to the Academy of Masonic  
Knowledge and taking at least 3 brothers from the  
District with him. Therefore, you are invited and  
encouraged to join DDGM Richard Bradbury to the  
meeting and enjoy a day of education and fellowship.

The Academy of Masonic Knowledge is on Saturday,  
March 17, 2018 in Elizabethtown, PA. Registration  
opens at 8:30 am and the meeting begins at 9:30 am.  
The Academy is open to all Master Masons regardless  
of your level of knowledge of Freemasonry. All you  
need is an interest in learning about Freemasonry.

Lunch will be provided (\$10.00 donation requested)  
and the meeting will end at 3:00 pm. Masonic dress is  
required. Pre-registration is required. You can register  
on the Academy of Masonic Knowledge link found on  
the Grand Lodge webpage in the "Members" section.

If you would like to carpool, please contact DDGM  
Bradbury at 215-852-3532, space is limited.

### NEWTOWN LODGE HOSTING GOLF CLASSIC

Newtown Lodge No. 427, F. & A.M. will be celebrating  
its 150th Anniversary this year. As a fundraiser for that  
event, the Lodge is hosting a Golf Classic on May 21,  
2018 at Five Ponds Golf Club, Warminster, PA, starting  
with registration at 8:30 am. The entrance fee is \$110.00  
per golfer. The format will be a shotgun/scramble  
start, beginning at 9:00 am. Coffee and donuts will be  
supplied at registration with a buffet dinner following  
play when team and individual prizes will be awarded.

Sponsors and donors are welcomed to support the  
event. Sponsorships may be made in the name of a  
company, individual or in honor or memory of a person.

For information on registering and/or the Sponsorship  
levels and benefits, please contact Brother George P.  
Lange, 215-355-2158.

## THIS MONTH IN HISTORY

### March 4, 1789

The first Congress of the US met in New York City wherein electoral votes were counted and Bro. George Washington was declared first President (69 votes), and John Adams, Vice President (34 votes). While Bro. Washington's term of office began on this day, because there was no quorum, he could not take the oath of office until April 30. All subsequent presidential terms (except successions following the death of a President) began March 4 until after Bro. Franklin Delano Roosevelt's second term wherein the 20th Amendment to the Constitution ruled that "the terms of the President and Vice President shall end at noon on the 20th of January and the terms of their successors shall then begin..."

### March 23, 1775

At St. John's Church in Richmond, Bro. Patrick Henry, American patriot, urged for the arming of the Virginia militia in preparation for the American revolution with the impassioned words: "I know not what course others may take, but as for me, give me liberty or give me death."

## QUOTE OF THE MONTH

It is most reverently to be wished, that the conduct of every member of the fraternity, as well as those publications that discover the principles which actuate them, may tend to convince mankind that the grand object of Masonry is to promote the happiness of the human race.

Brother George Washington

## THE STATUE WAS THERE ALL THE TIME

The story is told of the man who turned to a famous sculptor whose work he had been admiring and asked, "How do you take a rough chunk of stone and make of it such a beautiful statue?" A silly question, of course, but the answer of the sculptor is one to intrigue Masons. "There is really nothing to it. All I do is chisel away the stone I do not want and there is the statue. It was there all the time."

Then there was the woman who asked a great columnist, "How in the world do you write all those witty paragraphs?" He responded, "There's nothing to it. All I do is sit down to the typewriter and write them as they occur to me. The writing is easy, it's the *occurring* that is difficult."

I imagine there has to be some occurring with the sculptor who knocks away chunks of stone in order to uncover the beautiful statue, but isn't there a Masonic lesson in the story of the sculptor and statue? Don't we take men in the raw and knock off the rough parts to reveal the beauty within that was there all the time? Of course with such persons as \_\_\_\_\_ we didn't knock off very much, but seriously, Masonry doesn't take men for the purpose of giving them new souls. It doesn't want them unless under the rough exterior there is concealed a beauty of character that may be revealed through proper manipulation of our Working Tools, that may be developed through what Freemasonry has to offer.

*3-5-7 Minute Talks on Freemasonry, Elbert Bede, 1945*

## WHAT IS FREEMASONRY?

In the home it's kindness  
In society, it's courtesy  
In business, it's honesty  
In work, it's fairness  
Toward the unfortunate, it's pity  
Toward the wicked, it's resistance  
Toward the weak, it's help  
Toward the strong, it's trust  
Toward the penitent, it's forgiveness  
Toward the fortunate, it's congratulations  
Toward God, it is reverence and love –  
**THIS IS MASONRY**

Brother John Cornish, Lodge No. 855, New York

## MAKING A MASON AT SIGHT

Making a Mason at sight is considered one of the traditional powers of a Grand Master. It means that he convenes an occasional Lodge, waives the usual requirements relative to becoming a member of the Craft such as filing a petition, having an investigation of the petitioner, passing the ballot box, etc., and the three degrees are conferred in full on the candidate at one meeting. There is an implied understanding that after the ceremony the new member will file a petition or affiliate with a lodge of his choice. This power is rarely exercised by a Grand Master. Some of the persons who have become Masons in this manner are: Douglas MacArthur, George Marshall, William Howard Taft and John Wanamaker.

*Trestleboard Tidbits, MSA, Aug 2008*

## DID YOU KNOW?

### Rudyard Kipling and the Craft

Rudyard Kipling, the famous English author, was born in India of English parents. He was educated in England but returned to India in 1880.

He was initiated in Hope and Perseverance Lodge No. 782, Lahore, Punjab, India in 1886. A special dispensation was necessary as he was only twenty years and six months at the time.

When he took the degrees, there were four Holy Books upon the altar representing the dominant religions in the area. Upon his rising he was immediately elected secretary; and he prepared the minutes of that meeting himself.

Many years later he wrote: "I was secretary for some years of Hope and Perseverance Lodge No. 782, E. C., Lahore, which included Brethren of at least four creeds.

I was entered by a member of Brahmo Somaj, a Hindu; passed by a Mohammedan; and raised by an Englishman. Our Tyler was an Indian Jew. We met, of course on the level, and the only difference anyone would notice was that at the banquets, some of the Brethren, who were debarred by caste from eating food not ceremonially prepared, sat over empty plates."