



# 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*

April 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)

### APRIL CALENDAR

- 02 **8th Masonic District School of Instruction**
- 11 Hermann-Humboldt Lodge Stated Meeting  
*Program: Past Master Appreciation/The Great  
Siege of Malta*
- 11 **W.K. Bray Lodge No. 410 – 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
Banquet- (RWGM S. E. Herriott Visitation),**  
Spring Mill Manor, Ivyland, PA
- 11 Newtown Lodge Stated Meeting  
*Program: Masonic Education Program*
- 13 Doylestown Lodge Stated Meeting  
*Program: Uses and Applications of the Compass*
- 14 **Sectional School of Instruction - Grand Lodge**  
Masonic Temple, Philadelphia
- 16 Southampton Radiant Star Lodge Stated Meeting  
*Program: The Closing Charge and Its Meaning*
- 18 W.K. Bray Lodge Stated Meeting  
*Program: Anniversary Meeting*
- 20 **8th Masonic District-Extra Meeting (if needed)**
- 28 **Southampton Radiant Star Lodge – 50<sup>th</sup>  
Anniversary Banquet (RWDGM T. Gamon  
Visitation), The Bucks Club, Jamison**
- 28 Bristol Lodge Stated Meeting  
*Program: Bristol Lodge History*

### THANKS TO THE BROTHERS WHO TRAVELED TO THE ACADEMY OF MASONIC KNOWLEDGE

Thank you to the brothers who traveled with the District  
Deputy Grand Master to the Academy on March 17th. It was  
a great day of education and fellowship.

The topics were: *Foundation: New Light on the Formation &  
Early Years of the Grand Lodge of England* and *The Geometry  
of Mystery: Ancient Egypt, Freemasonry and Secret Societies*;  
both of which were very informative.

### 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.  
Registration forms are available on the District website  
(see above).

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.

### SAVE THE DATE – FREEMASONRY DAY FOR WARMINSTER COMMUNITY

Please reserve Saturday, May 12<sup>th</sup>, from 10:00 am to 2:00  
pm on your calendar to attend a Community Day at the  
Masonic Village-Warminster.

Hermann-Humboldt Lodge No. 125, Southampton Radiant  
Star Lodge No. 806 and Lodge 9, which all meet at the Frey  
Masonic Center at the Masonic Village-Warminster, are  
planning a Community Day. It will be an open house to  
allow visitors to see the inside of the Masonic Center.  
Members of the lodges and other affiliated organizations,  
including Order of the Eastern Star and other women  
groups, will be on hand to provide information on their  
lodge or group. Food, music and video presentations will  
be available. Come out and share fellowship with your  
brethren and sisters.

### HAVE YOU PAID YOUR DUES?

All the lodges in the 8<sup>th</sup> Masonic District had extended the  
deadline for the 2018 dues to their April Stated Meeting.  
That would be this month. Are your dues paid? Please do  
so if you have not already. If you have a question or an  
issue, please contact your Lodge Secretary immediately.

## THIS MONTH IN HISTORY

**April 2, 1725**

In 1725 at Venice, Italy, was born Bro. Giovanni Giacomo Giralamo Casanova (or, Casanova de Seingalt), celebrated Italian writer, librarian, philanderer, adventurer, rogue, seminarian, soldier and spy. Born to a family of actors he was educated for the priesthood, showing excellent mind and wit, until he was expelled for scandalous behavior. He entered Freemasonry in Lyons in 1750. The Craft had wide appeal for him for his writings are filled with references to Freemasonry, advising all men well born who wished to become of value to the community, to become Freemasons. He asserted that the real secrets of the fraternity were not in its symbols or words, but were to be found only in reflection, reason, comparison and deduction. He averred that the secrets of Freemasonry, discovered by the individual, cannot be imparted to another. He is best remembered for his memoirs, "History of My Life," a brilliant picture of 18th century life. He died at Dux, Bohemia, June 4, 1798.

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### DID YOU KNOW?

#### The Rug of Appreciation

As a young man Sarkis H. Nahigian fled Armenia to escape persecution and arrived in the United States in 1890. He worked hard and became a successful businessman in Chicago and a devoted Mason. In 1948 he presented a priceless Oriental rug, 46½ feet long and 29½ feet wide, to the George Washington Masonic Memorial in Alexandria, Virginia. In presenting the gift he said:

"I came to America believing in miracles. I say these words with gratitude, faith and pride. Gratitude -- to the generations of hard-working and God-fearing men and women who came to this new country to make a home for freedom. Faith, in that the democracy they built will never die. Pride, in that my chance has come to show my appreciation for being an American. And believe me when I say there is no finer title, no higher position than to be a citizen of the United States."

"Here we have freedom of thought, freedom of the press, and freedom of speech. One does not appreciate what these freedoms mean until one recalls what it was to be deprived of them. Now, again, in humble spirit, it gives me great pleasure to donate to our beloved George Washington Memorial Building, the largest Persian Royal Meshed carpet I have ever known. I donate this carpet in grateful appreciation of all the unlimited privileges and friendships and support I have enjoyed in this blessed United States of America, and not among the least of these is my privilege of being a Mason."

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### QUOTE OF THE MONTH

It is organized as a fellowship of men, a system of morals, a philosophy taught by degrees through the use of symbol, story, legend, pictures, and drama. It has served as a center of union among differing backgrounds, cultures, and countries. It serves as the means of conciliating true friendship among persons, who, because of differences, must have otherwise remained at a perpetual distance.

Harry S. Truman

## THE VALUE OF MASONIC EDUCATION REVEALED IN A 'PARABLE'

R.W. Brother Samuel H. Bennett, a District Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Florida, wrote the following:

Somewhere at some time an Investigation Committee was examining a candidate for the three degrees of Freemasonry. One of the questions asked was, "What part of Freemasonry interests you the best?" To which the candidate replied, "I like the concept of the moral compass best." The inquiry continued, "What part of the moral compass?" "Well, I guess the parables." The committeemen raised their eyebrows, but persisted, "Would you relate one to us?"

The candidate really didn't know what to say, so he ran a bluff. "Once upon a time a Mason was traveling and fell among thieves, and his cable-tow slid up and was choking him during the struggle. He broke free and jumped into his convertible car and drove away furiously. As he was driving his hair got caught in a low branch of a sycamore tree and pulled him from the car and left him hanging there. He hung there many days and nights, and ravens brought him food to eat and water to drink. Then one night, while he was hanging there, his wife came along and cut off his hair, and he fell to the ground. Then it began to rain 40 days and 40 nights, so they hid in the cleft of a nearby cave for protection. The next morning they met a wayfaring man who said, 'Come in and take supper with me.' The Mason answered, 'I can't at this time for a man is chasing me.'" The candidate eventually concluded his long drawn-out story.

The members of the committee looked at one another with definite bewilderment. No one felt qualified to question the candidate further, for each member had a deep suspicion about his own knowledge of Freemasonry. So the candidate's petition was approved without further discussion.

We have always been known as "Men of Honor and Distinction." And yet I feel that sometimes we spend more time talking about Freemasonry than we do studying Freemasonry. Even the education of a 50-year member of the Craft does not preclude the need for an on-going program of Masonic Education. I encourage each of you to stretch your cable-tow and attend whenever you're able the "Schools of Instruction," "Masonic Leadership Training," "Open Books," other educational opportunities, and of course, your Blue Lodge.

Emessay Notes, April 2016

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### IT'S SO MUCH EASIER...

Not to go to Lodge.

Not to concern yourself with others.

Not to participate.

Not to volunteer your aid.

Not to let Masonry pervade your life.

Not to avoid criticizing others.

Not to influence others around you by your Masonic acts

### WHY BOTHER TO CHANGE?

Your life can only be richer if you do.

Is it worth the effort?...

Ask a practicing Brother.

(R.W. Jess Minton)