



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, Southampton Radiant Star Lodge No. 806

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

May 2018

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)

MAY CALENDAR

- 05 Leadership Seminar (\$25.00 registration fee)
Masonic Center-West Reading
- 07 **8th Masonic District School of Instruction**
- 09 Hermann-Humboldt Lodge Stated Meeting
*Program: Past Master Night-The Challenges of
Past Masters*
- 09 Official Visitation – Newtown Lodge (EA)
*Program: Meaning of the Opening & Closing
Charges*
- 11 Doylestown Lodge Stated Meeting
Program: Discussion on Clandestine Lodges
- 16 W.K. Bray Lodge Stated Meeting
Program: Masonry & the Civil War
- 18 8th Masonic District-Extra Mtg. (if needed)
- 21 Southampton-Radiant Star Lodge Stated Meeting
Program: DeMolay of PA
- 26 Bristol Lodge Stated Meeting
Program: Bristol Lodge History Continued

BLOOD DRIVES SET IN LODGES

American Red Cross Blood Drives are being hosted by Lodges
in the 8th Masonic District:

May 5, 2018, 8:00 am – 1:00 pm at Bristol Lodge, 219-221
Cedar Street, Bristol; and
May 17, 2018, 2:00 pm – 7:00 pm at Doylestown Lodge, 55 E.
State Street, Doylestown.

Appointments can be made for either site online at
www.redcrossblood.org

THANK YOU TO DEGREE TEAM

Thank you to the 8th District Degree Team for a great
presentation of the Fellowcraft Mason Degree at the Sectional
School of Instruction at the Masonic Temple, Philadelphia.

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.

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

DOYLESTOWN LODGE ANNUAL MEMORIAL DAY PANCAKE BREAKFAST

On Monday, May 28th, celebrate Memorial Day with an old
fashioned small town parade starting at 10:00 am.
Doylestown's Memorial Day Parade is the oldest in the
country. All Master Masons are welcome to march with
the Brothers of the Lodge in Masonic Dress.

Before you go to the parade, enjoy an all you can eat
pancake breakfast at the Doylestown Lodge, 55 E. State
Street, Doylestown (across from the County Theater).
Adults - \$7, Children under 10 - \$3, under 6- Free.

FREEMASONRY DAY FOR WARMINSTER COMMUNITY

Join Hermann-Humboldt Lodge No. 125, Southampton
Radiant Star Lodge No. 806 and Lodge 9 at the Masonic
Village-Warminster for their Community Day on Saturday,
May 12th, from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm.

MOVIES UNDER THE STARS - SEASON 8

Newtown Lodge once again presents Movies Under the
Stars, now in its 8th year! Bring your family and lawn
chairs or blankets to enjoy the movies. Free admission –
snacks for an at will donation. You can't beat that!

Saturday evenings – Movie starts at dusk:

June 2nd – Despicable Me 3

June 23rd – Moana

July 21st – Cinderella (she will meet and greet before)

August 18th – Cars 3

THIS MONTH IN HISTORY

May 8, 1828

Bro. Jean Henri Dunant, author, philanthropist, and founder in 1863 of the Red Cross Society, for which he won the Nobel Prize in 1901 was born at Geneva, Switzerland. A Mason who devoted his entire fortune to charity and good works, World Red Cross Day was created to commemorate the birth of the Mason who founded the Red Cross Society, and of the society's humanitarian work worldwide.

May 16, 1868

The US Senate failed by one vote to convict Bro. Andrew Johnson, then President of the US, as it took its first ballot on one of 11 articles of impeachment against him. His close association with Freemasonry was one of the factors that led to his impeachment trial. Thaddeus Stevens, the anti-Mason, was a ringleader in the impeachment proceedings against Bro. Johnson. Bro. Johnson died July 31, 1875. He was a member of Greenville Lodge No. 119, Greenville, TN. He was also a Knight Templar and belonged to the Scottish Rite.

DID YOU KNOW?

A MAN LOSES A BET AND NEW YORK GAINS

Paul Boynton, during the 1832 political campaign, lived in the Green Mountain country of Vermont. Those were dark days for the Craft.

Andrew Jackson, a past Grand Master of Tennessee, was the candidate for the Presidency against William Wirt, a Mason running on the Anti-Masonic ticket. Brother Boynton was a devoted Freemason and did not recant or hide his association with the Craft while the storm was brewing and many members deserted.

He made an election vow that if Vermont went for Wirt he would move "out west". In those days "out west" meant St. Lawrence Country, New York, to New Englanders.

When Wirt won in Vermont (the only state in which he won), Brother Boynton kept his word and moved. At the end of an eighty day journey on horseback, Brother Boynton settled down in Canton, New York.

He swapped his horse for a watch and a gun shop. He became the best gunsmith in the area and his gun stocks are now collector's items.

He invented many things, such as eight day clocks and a pedometer. In 1835 he built what is now known as The Royal Arch House, located at 12 Pine Street, as a constant reminder to friend and foe alike, that he was a mason.

Emblems familiar to the Royal Arch Mason are on the front of the building. It is said that he dug his own grave and made his own marker, except for the date. He died on July 13, 1851.

QUOTE OF THE MONTH

"A lot of trouble in this world is caused by combining a narrow mind with a wide mouth."

Trestleboard Tidbits, Alphonse Cerza

SOLOMON'S STONES IN WASHINGTON CATHEDRAL

Stones supposedly taken from King Solomon's Temple became popular in the late 19th and early 20th Centuries, and were included in numerous modern cathedrals.

The interest emerged as more modern research developed in Biblical archaeology and when stones excavated from King Solomon's Temple were placed within St. Paul's Cathedral in London.

According to Dr. David Harrison, a noted history lecturer, who completed his Ph.D. on the history of Freemasonry in 2008 at the University of Liverpool, the high altar in the Washington National Cathedral was made from stone which was quarried from King Solomon's Quarries, which supposedly supplied the stone for the Temple.

The building of the beautiful gothic Washington National Cathedral commenced in 1907, when Freemason Theodore Roosevelt laid the foundation stone.

(Source: Knight Templar Magazine, March, 2012)

A CREED

There is a destiny that makes us brothers;
None goes his way alone:
All that we send into the lives of others
Comes back into our own.

I care not what his temples or his creeds,
One thing holds firm and fast—
That into his fateful leap of days and deeds
The soul of man is cast.

Edwin Markham

(Source: A Treasury of Masonic Thought, Edited by Carl Glick)

THE MYSTIC TIE

The Scottish poet Robert Burns described Masonry as a *mystic tie*, and it mythically and symbolically binds its members to millions of Masons around the globe, spanning the centuries.

This bond is what allows two strangers to meet on a street in a foreign land and greet each other as though they've known each other all their lives – something that can unnerve one's spouse the first few times it happens. It is the bond that has seen enemies on battlefields treat each other with respect and dignity when death loomed. It is the bond that has helped and protected Brothers in their times of greatest need.

Freemasons for Dummies, Christopher Hodapp

WHAT'S IN A NAME

"Semper Paratus", the U.S. Coast Guard motto, is the name of a lodge in Washington, D.C., which is made up primarily of members of the Coast Guard.

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