



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

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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 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)

JUNE CALENDAR

- 04 **8th Masonic District School of Instruction**
- 08 Doylestown Lodge Stated Meeting
Program: Room of Reflection-Bro. Robert Glass
- 09 **Quarterly Communication** - State College, PA
- 13 **Official Visitation-Hermann-Humboldt Lodge**
*Program: Masons at Gettysburg & Friend to
Friend Memorial*
- 13 Newtown Lodge Stated Meeting
*Program: History & Mission of Scottish Rite
Masons*
- 15 **8th Masonic District-Extra Mtg. (if needed)**
- 18 **Official Visitation-Southampton Radiant Star
Lodge (EA)**
*Program: Tutorial on the Order of the Eastern
Star*
- 20 W.K. Bray Lodge Stated Meeting
Program: Table Lodge
- 23 **Lodge of Research** - Carlisle, PA
- 23 Bristol Lodge Stated Meeting
*Program: Pursuivant's Masonic Paper/Bristol
Lodge History*

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

THE 3rd ANNUAL 8TH MASONIC DISTRICT CIGAR-B-QUE EVENT SCHEDULED

Mark your calendars on October 14th for our third Cigar-
B-Que event being held at the Bucks County FOP
Lodge Picnic Grove. We moved it back one week from
prior years to avoid the Columbus Day weekend.
Brothers Eddie and George, of Hiram and Solomon
Cigars, have agreed to join us again this year.

This is a fellowship event open to all Masons and their
friends, and; it is a great opportunity to sit back, relax
and enjoy a cigar, barbeque and conversation.
Attendees MUST be 21 years of age or older.

The price of \$65.00 will include a minimum of 3 cigars
from Hiram and Solomon Cigars, tastings, bar-b-que
and beverages. For tickets, contact DDGM Rich
Bradbury. Tickets must be paid in advance, no later
than October 5th.

Remember to bring a friend and bring a chair!!

DISTRICT RITUALISTIC COMPETITION TEAM NEEDED

The Right Worshipful Grand Master has initiated a
statewide ritual competition. Districts are encouraged to
put together a competition team to participate in this
event. The contest will be focusing on problem areas of
the mechanics in our ritual that have been identified by
the Regional Instructors. There will be a regional
competition round with the final challenge being held in
Elizabethtown.

We are currently in the process of asking Brothers to
volunteer to help in this initiative. Since we can have
different Brothers in the officer positions for each of the
degrees, we are not limited to how many Brothers may
be involved. Once the team is created, there will be
some rehearsals to hone our skills. To be a part of the
team, contact the team coordinator, Bro. Kirk W.
Borowski, W.M., kirkwborowski@gmail.com or 215-
262-3106 as soon as possible. Thank you for your
support.

THIS MONTH IN HISTORY

June 1, 1801

Born at Whittingham VT, was the Mormon leader Bro. Brigham Young, who led thousands of religious followers from Nauvoo, IL across 1,000 miles of wilderness to settle more than 300 towns in the west, earning him the name, "the American Moses." When he died at Salt Lake City, Utah, August 29, 1877, he was survived by 17 wives and 47 children. Utah observes as a state holiday the anniversary of his entry into Salt Lake Valley, July 24, 1847. Bro. Young succeeded Bro. Joseph Smith as head of the Mormon Church in 1847. Some confusion exists as to Bro. Young's Masonic affiliation. But, it is known that all the leaders, as well as many of the rank and file Mormons, were members of the Nauvoo Lodges. Bro. Young is also mentioned elsewhere in Mormon and Utah history as a Mason. He is also reported to have been a member of Milnor Lodge No. 139, Victor, New York.

GLOSSARY: Hiram, King of Tyre

When Solomon had determined to build a temple at Jerusalem, he sent an embassy to Tyre, requesting Hiram, the king of the Tyrians, would furnish him with workmen to cut down timber at Lebanon, and stone in the quarries of Tyre, for the construction of that holy edifice. He returned an answer to Solomon's communication, which contained the language of amity and esteem. He agreed to extend the fraternal bond of that charity and brotherly love which was common to both the true and spurious Freemasonry, by furnishing cedars and other timber from the forest of Lebanon for the erection of a temple to the living God, and providing the most expert architects in his dominions for its construction, on the simple condition of receiving certain supplies of provisions in exchange; and he performed his contract with princely munificence and masonic candour. But even this would have been insufficient to produce any satisfactory result, without the presence of a master-mind to animate and direct the proceedings; and the king of Tyre furnished this Master in the person of his chief architect, Hiram Abiff, by whom the re-union of speculative and operative masons was to be consummated.

A Dictionary of Freemasonry, Robert Macoy

PROFICIENT COMMITTEE

The visitor arrived at a small Virginia lodge early and requested to be examined. Two Past Masters and a newly raised Mason served on the Committee. The visitor was really put through the paces as the Past Masters used the examination as an instruction tool for the other member.

After the extensive examination, the visitor signed the register, listing his title as a grand officer in a sister jurisdiction.

After the lodge was opened, it fell the lot of one of the Past Masters who had served on the Committee to present the distinguished visitor. In presenting and introducing him, he said, "I am pleased to inform you that our Right Worshipful Brother has examined your Examining Committee and found them proficient."

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

WHY IS MASONIC RITUAL REGARDED AS SO IMPORTANT?

Truth may be taught without ritual, but truth taught by ritual is always taught as the original teachers desired and makes a lasting impression upon the mind of the learner.

Man has always devised ceremonies of initiation for his organizations; the Men's House of the Indians had them; savage tribes bring their young men officially to manhood by rites which are sometimes rather terrible; ancient religions admitted to the temple only those who could qualify by successfully completing a course of initiation; many modern churches-especially those denominated "high"-have set forms for religious worship; crafts and guilds of all kinds in all ages have had certain preparatory rites.

A ritual which becomes sacrosanct in human belief tends to stabilize truth and to keep it uncontaminated by "modern" ideas. Many a man has thought he could "improve" the ritual of Freemasonry. None has succeeded in making better that which was already "best," since its consent was and is living, breathing, sentient truth, conveyed in words, actions and symbols which by their very antiquity prove that they are "best" for the purpose.

Dr. Joseph Fort Newton, beloved teacher of the spiritual aspects of Freemasonry, said: "Ritual is the dramatization of belief, hope and spiritual dream. It assists imagination by giving form to what otherwise would remain formless, presenting vivid mental images which lend a reality-feeling to what is often abstract and unreal. It is picture philosophy, truth visualized, at once expressing and confirming the faiths and visions of the mind."

MSA Digest - 101 Questions About Freemasonry

QUOTE OF THE MONTH

"As we continue to improve ourselves in Masonry, we are indeed improving life. We know from history that without ideals to guide us, the garden of a man's life will not grow into a place of beauty."

Stanley F. Maxwell

DID YOU KNOW?

"Mason receiving the third degree should be entering upon a lifetime of study, self-improvement and service to his fellows, and his lodge is intended to be and should be the source of light and instruction and a field for serious and devoted work for the principles, which our institution inculcates and upon which it is founded. The conception that the prosperity and greatness of a lodge is measured by its large membership and its wealth is erroneous. That lodge is prosperous and great which commands the affections of its members, and displays spiritual rather than material wealth."

William Rhodes Harvey, P.G.M., California

LIGHT YOUR LIGHT!

Let's be a Mason every day,
Not only on Tuesday Night;
For it's being a Mason all the while
That gives our Craft its Light.

Ronald Hahn, Alt Heidelberg Lodge No. 821-March 1961