



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

Website: www.pa8thmasonic.com; Facebook: PA 8th Masonic District

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)

NOTICE - CHANGE OF DATE

DUE TO THE HOLIDAY FALLING ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 3RD, THE SCHOOL OF INSTRUCTION WILL NOT BE HELD THAT EVENING. THEREFORE, WE WILL MEET ON SEPTEMBER 21ST. ANY DEGREE WORK THAT NEEDS TO BE DONE MAY BE SCHEDULED FOR THAT DATE.

SEPTEMBER CALENDAR

- 03** No School of Instruction – Labor Day
- 12** Hermann-Humboldt Lodge Stated Meeting
Program: Recruitment and Retention
- 12** Newtown Lodge Stated Meeting
Program: Review of Masonic Etiquette
- 14** Doylestown Lodge Stated Meeting
Program: Appendant Masonic Bodies Night- The Continuation of Masonic Education and their Charities
- 17** Southampton Radiant Star Lodge Stated Meeting
Program: LuLu Shriners
- 19** W.K. Bray Lodge Stated Meeting
Program: Masonic Bodies Presentation
- 21** 8th Masonic District School of Instruction
- 22** Autumn Days, Masonic Village, Elizabethtown
- 22** Bristol Lodge Stated Meeting
Program: Secretary Presentation/WM-Bristol Lodge History

MASONIC GLOSSARY – PURSUIVANT

An attendant or herald, who publicly announced all newcomers at tournaments, etc. In some Grand Lodges, an officers whose name implies similar duties, and who acts as the inner sentinel.

A Dictionary of Freemasonry, Robert Macoy

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 at DDGM08@pagrandlodge.org or 215-852-3532. Order forms will be available on our webpage. Tickets must be paid in advance, no later than October 5, 2018.

8th Masonic District Cigar-B-Que Event

Sunday, October 14, 2018
4:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Bucks County F.O.P. Picnic Grove
1058 Millcreek Road, Wycombe, PA
(Newtown, PA for GPS)



\$65.00 per person
(MUST be 21 yrs. of age or older)
Casual Dress

Bring your own chair or use
the picnic tables

Includes: 3 Cigars (minimum), tastings, Bar-B-Q,
beer and soda!

Proceeds to benefit Masonic Charities

For Tickets
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DEADLINE FOR TICKET ORDERS – OCTOBER 1, 2018

THIS MONTH IN HISTORY

September 24, 1755

At Germantown, VA. Bro. John Marshall was born. He was to become 4th Chief Justice of Supreme Court He served in House of Representatives and as secretary of state under John Adams. Bro Marshall was appointed by President Adams to the position of Chief Justice where he quickly became known as "The Great Chief Justice." Bro. Marshall's court was largely responsible for defining the role of the Supreme Court and basic organizing principles of government in the early years after adoption of the Constitution. He died in Philadelphia, PA on July 6, 1835. He was a member of Richmond Lodge 13 (F&AM), Richmond, VA.

PRAYER OF APPROACH

(Adapted from the 125th Anniversary Service, July 13, 1980)

Our Father and our God,

we have come together this day to celebrate the years past
and the heritage which is ours in this our Grand Lodge,
and to peer expectantly beyond the horizon which is
tomorrow.

Some of us come with fond memories of the past,
wanting to be back in the good old days,
when great accomplishments were achieved.

Some of us come rejoicing in the present,
to be thankful for what we can be done now,
not concerned about the past or the future.

Some of us come with a vision of tomorrow,
to reach for the new and the startling,
and to live only in that dimension.

Give to all of us, O Lord, a deep respect for the memories
which hallow our Masonic craft.

We remember those whose labour have built our lodges
into places of refuge and fellowship, of comfort and peace,
of inspiration and enlightenment.

Enlarge our vision, O God, to look to tomorrow.

Give us always openness to the newness of our Masonic life
and especially the teachings of the sacred writings.

Let us not be content with what we have done, can do,
but rather,
give us the courage to do what you would have us do.

Give us the enthusiasm that dares us to reach beyond our
grasp -
to dream, to hope, and to celebrate your presence.

And now, speak to us through the rest of this service,
as we open ourselves to you,
cautiously, expectantly, thankfully,
anticipating the presence of your Spirit in our midst.

AMEN

(This prayer was used in July 2005, at the Divine Service
celebrating the 150th Anniversary of The Grand Lodge of
Canada in the Province of Ontario)
Emessay Notes, August 2005

WHAT IS FREEMASONRY

True Masonic ritual, as it always was intended to do, teaches the great lessons of life: the importance of honor and integrity, of being a person on whom others can rely, of being both trusting and trustworthy, of realizing that you have a spiritual nature as well as a physical nature, of the importance of self-control, of knowing how to love and be loved, of knowing how to keep confidential what others tell you so that they can "open up" without fear. In short, Masonic ritual teaches us to reach for a higher standard in conducting our lives.

Freemasonry sometimes has been referred to as a "secret society." This is an inaccurate statement. Freemasons certainly don't make a secret of the fact they are members of their Lodges. We wear rings, lapel pins, and tie clasps with Masonic emblems like the Square and Compasses, the best known of Masonic signs that, logically, recall our early symbolic roots in stonemasonry. Masonic buildings are clearly marked and usually listed in the phone book. The only thing that could be referred to as secret—although we prefer the word private—are the methods of recognition such as grips, words, signs, and our ritual by which we induct new members.

Over the centuries, Freemasonry has developed into a worldwide social and community service organization, emphasizing personal study, self-improvement, and social betterment via individual involvement and philanthropy. During the late 1700's, it was one of the organizations most responsible for spreading the ideals of the Enlightenment: the dignity of man and the liberty of the individual, the right of all persons to worship as they choose, the formation of democratic governments, and the importance of public education. Masons supported the first public schools in both Europe and America.

The 3.5 million Masons worldwide continue to help men and women face the problems of the 21st century by building bridges of brotherhood and instilling in our communities ideals for a better tomorrow. (Source: Compiled from several Masonic Information Center publications)

Emessay Notes, July 2006

QUOTE OF THE MONTH

"What we have done for ourselves alone, dies with us; what we have done for others and the world, remains and is immortal."

Brother Albert Pike

DID YOU KNOW?

What is the All-Seeing Eye?

The eye was a symbol of God before Old Testament days, in Egypt and India. The words do not appear in the Great Light. The eye upon United States paper money, while a symbol of the Great Architect, was not selected by Masons. The Psalmist expresses the symbol's meaning with the words (Psalm 121:4): "Behold, he that keepeth Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep."

(Source: MSA Digest Masonic Vocabulary)