



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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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)

OCTOBER CALENDAR

- 01 **8th Masonic District School of Instruction**
- 06 Newtown Lodge – 150th Anniversary Banquet
(RWGM S. Eugene Herritt Visitation)
- 10 Hermann-Humboldt Lodge Stated Meeting (EA)
Program: Father and Son Night/Freemasons at Yorktown
- 10 Newtown Lodge Stated Meeting
Program: History of Newtown Lodge from 1868 to Present
- 12 Doylestown Lodge Stated Meeting
Program: History of the Grand Lodge of PA, Bro. Kenneth McCarty
- 14 **Cigar-B-Que District Event** – Wycombe, PA
- 15 Southampton Radiant Star Lodge Stated Mtg.
Program: Prince Hall Masonry, Bro. James Duckett
- 17 W.K. Bray Lodge Stated Meeting
Program: The Apron-The Distinguishing Badge of Mason
- 19 **8th Masonic District-Extra Mtg. (if needed)**
- 20 **District Past Master Breakfast**, Eagle Diner, Warminster
- 20 Bristol Lodge Stated Meeting
Program: Working Tools and How to Use Them to Build Your Spiritual Temple
- 27 **Academy of Masonic Knowledge-Masonic**
Village, Elizabethtown

ACADEMY OF MASONIC KNOWLEDGE- OCTOBER 27TH

The speakers at this symposium will be Bro. Josef Wages speaking on Étienne Morin and the Baylot Manuscript exploring the origins of Scottish Rite and Bro. John Michael Greer with a presentation on Freemasonry and the Secret Societies. Reservations are requested and can be made on the Grand Lodge website in the “Member” drop down menu.

DISTRICT PAST MASTER BREAKFAST SCHEDULED

The First Past Master Club Breakfast is scheduled for Saturday October 20, 2018 at 9:00 am. At this time, the location will be Eagle Diner, 739 Street Road, Warminster, PA. Should the response exceed their ability to accommodate us, a different venue will be found. Each attendee will be responsible for their own breakfast, which can be ordered off the menu.

This is one of the RW Grand Master’s initiatives and to date, the respondents have provided positive feedback. At this meeting, we will enjoy conversation, discuss the state of the Fraternity and plan for future meetings. Please come out and spend time with those brothers who have all experienced being in the East.

Reservations are required. Email DDGM Rich Bradbury at DDGM08@pagrandlodge.org with your name, lodge and contact phone number.

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

October 14th is our third Cigar-B-Que event being held at the Bucks County FOP Lodge Picnic Grove. Hiram and Solomon Cigars, have agreed to join us again this year and supply cigars to the Brethren.

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.**

CONGRATULATIONS TO NEWTOWN LODGE

Congratulations to Newtown Lodge No. 427, F. & A.M. on celebrating 150 years of Freemasonry.

THIS MONTH IN HISTORY

October 13, 1793

Freemasons laid the cornerstone of The White House. Hugh Sidey writing in the October 2000 issue of TIME magazine claims that mystery still lingers over where the Freemasons laid the cornerstone back in 1792. "There is no doubt," writes Sidey, "that on the afternoon of October 13, 1792, a group of Freemasons marched from Georgetown to the site of what is now The White House and laid a cornerstone. That evening, though, by about the 11th toast - this one to "the fair daughters of Americas" the congenial gathering of Freemasons at Georgetown's Fountain Inn had begun to grow a bit hazy about where they had laid that particular stone earlier in the day." Among the most important and exalted buildings to Americans is the White House, home and office to residents, symbol of liberty to the world, is getting all polished up for the 200th commemoration of the day (Nov 1) President John Adams moved into the brand new edifice. But even now we're not sure where those jovial Masons put the cornerstone." The cornerstone, fitted with a brass plate naming those participants in the cornerstone laying, is supposed to be on the northeast corner, according to Masonic tradition. But dowsers, short-wave probes, and Anonymous letters seem to indicate the problem cornerstone is on the southwest corner.

A LITTLE MASONIC HUMOR

Will a Secretary Go to Heaven?

If a Secretary writes a letter, it's too long.
If he sends a postal, it's too short.
If he doesn't send a notice, he is lazy.
If he attends a committee meeting, he is butting in.
If he stays away, he is a shirker.
If he duns the members for dues, he is insulting.
If he fails to collect the dues, he is slipping.
If he asks for advice, he is incompetent.
If he does not, he is bull-headed.
If he writes his reports complete, they are too long.
If he condenses them, they are incomplete.
If he talks on a subject in Lodge, he is trying to run things.
If he remains quiet, he has lost interest in the meeting.
.....Ashes to Ashes.....
.....Dust to Dust.....
.....If others won't do it.....
The Secretary must!!!!

MASONIC GLOSSARY – SHIBBOLETH

The word which the Gileadites under Jephthah made use of as a test at the passages of the river Jordan after a victory over the Ephraimites. The word has two meanings in Hebrew: First, an ear of corn; and, secondly, a stream of water. As the Ephraimites were desirous of crossing the river, it is probable that this second meaning suggested it to the Gileadites as an appropriate test word on the occasion.

An Encyclopaedia of Freemasonry and Its Kindred Sciences-
Albert G. Mackey, M.D. 33°

WHY IS RITUAL OFTEN REPETITIOUS?

Several "word pairs" in Masonic ritual make interesting studies, such as "duly and truly," "worthy and well-qualified," "free will and accord," "parts and points," "hele and conceal."

At first glance, it may seem that these are so arranged only for emphasis. In Middle Age English writing, especially in the 13th and 14th Centuries, when Freemasonry was in the process of formation, England had two languages. One was Norman-French; the other Anglo-Saxon. To make sure of understanding, word pairs were much in use -- a word of similar meaning being taken from each language.

The apparent redundancy or expression in a number of places in Masonic ritual may be traced back to these Middle Ages. The perpetuation of such usage now, when clarity of thought and understanding might be served as well with one word, is one of the many proofs that Freemasonry delights to embrace that which is venerated and ancient."

(Taken from One Hundred One Questions About Freemasonry, published by the Masonic Service Assn. of North America.)

QUOTE OF THE MONTH

"I ask of each Mason, of each member, of each brother, that he shall remember ever that there is upon him a peculiar obligation to show himself in every respect a good citizen; for after all, the way he can best do his duty by the ancient order to which he belongs is by reflecting credit upon that order by way in which he performs his duty as a citizen of the United States."

Theodore Roosevelt

"IT CAN'T BE DONE"

The man who misses all the fun
Is he who says "It can't be done."
In solemn pride he stands aloof
And greets each venture with reproof.
Had he the power he'd efface
The history of the human race;
We'd have no radio or motor cars,
No streets lit by electric stars;
No telegraph or telephone,
We'd linger in the age of stone.
The world would sleep if things were run
By men who say "It can't be done."

Trestleboard Tidbits, compiled by Alphonse Cerza

DID YOU KNOW?

Matt Dillon's Watering Place

We have been informed that the real owner of the "Long Branch Saloon" in Dodge City, Kansas in 1874, was C.M. "Chalk" Beeson, a Freemason who served as a state representative and was sheriff of Ford County in 1892. Perhaps he hired "Kitty" as a front?

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