



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)

FEBRUARY CALENDAR

- 04 8th Masonic District School of Instruction**
- 08 Doylestown Lodge Stated Meeting**
Program: Benjamin Franklin-Bro. Robert Dev
- 08-10 DDGM Seminar- Elizabethtown, PA**
- 09 Secretary/Treasurer Seminar - Scottish Rite**
Cathedral, Allentown
- 13 Official Visitation-Hermann-Humboldt Lodge**
Program: Freemasonry and the Sword-Bro.
Thomas Harding, P.M.
- 13 Newtown Lodge Stated Meeting**
Program: Rusty Mason-Bros. Edward Weissner,
RWPGM, John Horn, P.M. & Robert Puckett
- 15 8th Masonic District-Extra Mtg. (if needed)**
- 16 Bristol Lodge Stated Meeting**
Program: Funeral Rituals & Good Foot Health
- 18 Southampton Radiant Star Stated Meeting**
Program: Golden Fleece, Hiram Abiff-Bro.
Yasser Al-Khatib, P.M.
- 20 Official Visitation – W.K. Bray Lodge**
Program: Examination of Visitor & Solomon's
Seals – Bro. Leonard Bezar, P.M.

2019 LEADERSHIP SEMINARS SLATED

Our Grand Master has updated the new Leadership Seminars for the purpose of developing great leaders for tomorrow's future! The local venue is April 6th at MV-Lafayette Hill.

The seminar fee (\$25.00), if properly approved by the Lodge, can be paid by your lodge. The course curriculum concentrates on developing one's leadership skills, style, and effectiveness whether you use this knowledge in your family, church, work, community organization, or lodge. Information on registration and other venues is online at www.pagrاندlodge.org.

UNUSUAL FACTS ABOUT GEORGE WASHINGTON

The month of February – and its Presidents Day holiday – is a good time to share some facts about George Washington. Our first President, an active Master Mason, had a number of unusual quirks.

Here are a few, as published in the "Trestleboard," the newsletter of Washington Daylight Lodge #14 in the District of Columbia.

- George Washington joined the British Navy at age 14.
- His education was provided by his father and his brother Lawrence.
- His father owned 10,000 acres of land in Virginia and was also part owner of an iron mine.
- George Washington was the only President to be elected unanimously.
- He never wore a powdered wig, which was the fashion of gentlemen at that time.
- George Washington never shook hands with anyone.
- George Washington was the first to travel to a foreign country as President (Barbados).
- George Washington had all of his teeth removed at age 57.
- He was employed by Lord Fairfax as a surveyor in Culpepper County, VA.
- His favorite foods were pineapple and Brazil nuts.

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THIS IS WHERE IT HAPPENS

"Masonry is about brothers – and it's about the lodge room. It's what you do there that counts the most. Research Lodges, Grand Lodges and other bodies are here to help. But the future of Masonry is actually in your hands – the hands that welcome each candidate, touch the altar, and raise the Master Mason. This is where it happens."

(Sanford Holst, Editor, of the SCRL (Southern California Research Lodge) Fraternal Review, December, 2014.)

THIS MONTH IN HISTORY

February 13, 1741

In Philadelphia, three days before Bro. Benjamin Franklin could produce the first issue of his "General Magazine," Andrew Bradford and former Franklin editor John Webb published the first issue of their "American Magazine". Bro. Franklin is said to have felt betrayed, and never mentioned the project in his autobiography. Neither magazine was successful: Bradford's magazine ceased publication after three issues; Franklin's folded after six. Because newspapers and books were considered necessities, they appeared very early in colonial America. Magazines, on the other hand, were luxury items: not enough people had extra money to buy them or extra leisure time to read them. Thus, the magazine was the last of the print media to appear in America, in the early 1740s. The founding of many "learned societies" resulted in the publication of numerous new journals and scientific periodicals, such as the Buffalo Medical and Surgical Journal.

February 14, 1849

Bro. James Polk became the first US President to be photographed while in office. The photographer was Mathew B. Brady, who would become famous for his photographs during the Civil War.

DID YOU KNOW?

Early Abstainers

"The first temperance society on record was established by the Free Masons of Italy. On the 28th of April, 1748, Pope Clement XII issued his celebrated bulletin forbidding the practice of Free Masonry by the members of the Roman Catholic Church. Many of the Masons of Italy continued, however, to meet; but for the purpose of evading the temporal penalties of the bulletin, which extended in some instances to the infliction of capital punishment, they changed their exoteric name, and called themselves Xerophagists. This is a compound of two Greek words signifying "those who live without drinking." This title they selected because they then introduced a pledge of total abstinence into their by-laws."

(Charles Scott)

SECRETARY'S DREAM

I fell asleep the other night

And while I had my snooze,

I dreamed each member stepped right up

And promptly paid his dues.

And when I found 'twas but a dream

I nearly threw a fit

It's up to you to make it true...

SUGGESTION: Please remit.

What makes a Mason? Is it what he is and does in the lodge room? Not at all. It is practice out of the lodge those great moral duties that are inculcated in it.

WHAT'S IN A NAME

When M.W. Bro. Elvis A. Mooney, Grand Master of Masons of Missouri, was received with honors and addressed the 49th Assembly of the International Supreme Council of DeMolay, March 16, 1969, at Kansas City, he described to the members and guests the difficulty he had encountered through much of his life because of his first name.

Elvis, often interpreted as a girl's name, caused mix-ups in grade school, high school and college, where he was sometimes listed as "Miss Elvis."

In World War II Navy he felt the problem solved until the creation of the WAVES. Then again, he began to receive letters and directives addressed to "Miss Elvis Mooney."

After the war, the gyrations of another Elvis, whose last name was Presley, became a sensation on television. Soon the name, Elvis, was a byword from coast to coast.

"Never again was I addressed as a girl," M.W. Master Mooney told his appreciative audience. "I don't know what rock n' roll has done for you," he said, "but it's made a man out of me!"

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

THE COLUMNS AT TABLE LODGE

The raising and lowering of the columns resting on the Wardens' pedestals has an historical reason. In the period of the transition much of the work of the lodge was conducted at the dinner table. In order that the members present could easily determine if the lodge was at labor or refreshment the columns were raised or lowered. *Trestleboard Tidbits, Compiled by Alphonse Cerza*

GLOSSARY – TRANSITION PERIOD

Findel (J.G. Findel—"a Masonic author of more than ordinary note"...) calls that period in the history of Masonry, when it was gradually changing its character from that of an Operative to that of a speculative society, the Transition Period." It began in 1600, and terminated in 1717 by the establishment of the Grand Lodge of England in London, after which, says Findel, "modern Freemasonry was not to be taught as a spiritualizing art, and the Fraternity of Operative Masons was exalted to a Brotherhood of symbolic builders who, in the place of viable, perishable temples, are engaged in the erection of that one invisible eternal temple of the head and mind."

Encyclopedia of Freemasonry-Part II, Albert G. Mackey

QUOTE OF THE MONTH

Good ritualistic work is a beauty to behold. But it can only be good if it is rehearsed many times. A play, a movie, or television, has been rehearsed many, many times. Hence, many of our brethren stay home to watch television.

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