



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

March 2019

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)

MARCH CALENDAR

- 02 Officer Training Workshop-Region 1** – Masonic
Village-Lafayette Hill
**ALL SW and JW MUST ATTEND (Deacons are
Encouraged)**
- 04 8th Masonic District School of Instruction**
08 Doylestown Lodge Stated Meeting
*Program: Masonic Wheel of Fortune-Bro. George
Chiaverini, P.M.*
- 13 Hermann-Humboldt Lodge Stated Meeting**
Program: York Rite Night-Bro. Bill Hartman
- 13 Official Visitation – Newtown Lodge**
*Program: How to Mentor through Generations-
Bro. Richard H. Bradbury, Sr., DDGM*
- 15 8th Masonic District-Extra Mtg. (if needed)**
- 16 Academy of Masonic Knowledge**
Masonic Cultural Center, Elizabethtown
16 Bristol Lodge Stated Meeting
*Program: Business of the Lodge & Good Financial
Practices*
- 18 Southampton Radiant Star Lodge Stated**
Mtg.*Program: King Solomon's Seals-Bro. Leonard
Bezar*
- 20 W.K. Bray Lodge Stated Meeting**
Program: ESP & Freemasonry-Bro. Craig Conroy

REMINDER - 2019 LEADERSHIP SEMINARS SLATED IN APRIL

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 is \$25.00. The course curriculum concentrates
on developing one's leadership skills, style, and effectiveness.
Information on registration and other venues can be found
online at www.pagrandlodge.org.

CALLING ALL EMAILS

The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania introduced a new
Secretary/Treasurer Membership Program last year that
your Secretary and Treasurer have been getting
acclimated to this past year. Soon they will receive
additional training to aid them in their positions.

At a recent training seminar I attended, we were presented
a tutorial on many of the features the program can
perform to make the tasks or those offices and the audit
committee easier and more efficient.

Imagine being able to pay your dues online or editing
your personal information instead of having to notify
your Secretary of changes. For those lodges that do not
email lodge notices, that process is also easily performed
with the Salesforce program. There are mapping features
and additional reports the lodge officers can generate to
assist them in their duties too. All these options require
one thing...a valid email address in the database.

If your current email address is not in the system, or you
are not sure, please contact your Lodge Secretary and
provide it. If the Secretaries can enter your email before
the end of this year, we can maximize the use of the
program. To log onto your profile, you will also need
your member number that can be found on the mailing
label of your latest copy of *The Freemason* or request it
from the Secretary. Your Secretary can unlock the
member option to get you on your way to exploring the
site.

Help us to get the information we need. Your Secretary's
contact information is on your lodge notice. Thank you.

MASONIC EAGLE SCOUT AWARD

The new Masonic Eagle Scout Award is now available.
This lapel pin is for Masons who are Eagle Scouts to
recognize their achievements in Scouting and their
contributions to Freemasonry in Pennsylvania.

In order to receive your pin, there are some forms of
validation required along with a check for \$10.00 to cover
the cost of the pin. An application and details can be
found at <https://pmyf.org/scouting/masonic-eagle-scout-lapel-pins/>.

THIS MONTH IN HISTORY

March 3, 1831

Bro. George Mortimer Pullman, born at Brocton, NY, was an inventor and industrialist, who became famous for his design and production of the "Pullman" railroad sleeping car. He secured patents for an upper sleeping berth in 1864, another for a lower sleeping berth in 1865. By 1867 Pullman and his partner had organized the Pullman Palace Car Company which became the greatest railroad-car building organization in the world. Bro. Pullman died October 19, 1897 in Chicago, IL. Bro. Pullman was a member of Renovation Lodge 97 in Albion, NY.

March 3, 1895

Born at Fort Monroe, VA, Bro. Matthew Bunker Ridgeway, was a distinguished U.S. Army officer. As a Major General Ridgeway commanded the newly formed 82nd Airborne Division in the invasion of Sicily in July 1943, and in the invasion of the Italian mainland in 1944. Bro. and General Ridgeway replaced Bro. Douglas MacArthur as commander of the 8th Army in Korea in 1951, and succeeded General Dwight Eisenhower in 1952 as Supreme Allied Commander of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization. He became US Army Chief of Staff in 1953. Bro. Matthew Ridgeway was a member of West Point #877, Highland Falls, NY, raised May 1, 1924. In September 1974, a communication was received informing that regrettably Bro. Ridgeway could not be in attendance for receiving his 50 year pin. Bro. Ridgeway died at Fox Chapel, PA July 26, 1993.

DID YOU KNOW?

The Best Attending Mason

Worshipful Brother Hoey, a member of Richill Lodge, Northern Ireland, died a few years ago. He had been a member of the lodge for 65 years, and in all that time he never missed a single meeting - stated or emergency!!

STAR TREK

How far should charity extend?

We learn, where there is dearth,

Our charity should reach the end,

The utmost end of earth;

And even more. The arch of blue,

The great celestial sphere,

Should know the love of Masons, true,

That spreads fraternal cheer.

As astronauts in these days ride

To every stellar place,

So may we spread our teachings wide

Through all the realms of space.

Walter K. Belt, P.M

QUOTE OF THE MONTH

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.

NATIONAL CAMPING TRAVELERS, INC.

National Camping Travelers, Inc. (NCT) was founded in 1966 in Gettysburg, PA, by the late brother Myron Fox and twenty-one other Masonic families with the idea that a Camping Club for Master Masons and their families would be an added opportunity for fraternal fun and fellowship. Brother Fox's idea has since spread to most of the continental United States and Canada. The only requirement to join NCT is you must be a Master Mason in good standing in a lodge of which its Grand Lodge is recognized by the other Grand Lodges of the United States of America, Canadian Provinces and Mexico.

The Chapters schedule a Monthly Campout, weather permitting, for their part of the country, and dinner meetings or "camp-ins" when the weather is not favorable for camping. During the winter months, the sunbelt Chapters are very active. Many of our members are "Snowbirds" and go South and West where the climates are warmer to participate in campouts. When Spring blossoms, most of our campers pull out their RV's and hit the roads again.

For more information please go to www.gonct.org

CHANGE IN FREEMASONRY

Our fraternity, where we once thoroughly enjoyed each other's company, met around festive boards, engaged in huge public events, opened never before seen homes for the aged and orphanages, built magnificent Masonic buildings with stages the quality of professional theatre—then turned ourselves into a fraternity looking inward, far less conspicuous in the community, and far more apt to isolate ourselves in our lodges because we became afraid of criticism. This resulted in making us a fraternity almost totally unwilling to listen to new ideas, thoughts, or approaches to Masonic issues.

Now we are hearing many of our members saying it's time to "Put fun back into the fraternity." But let's be very careful how we define fun. Fun and frivolous are oftentimes intertwined as having the same meaning, when in fact they have very different meanings. In the Masonic sense fun means enjoyable. Do we enjoy our fraternity? Do we like being an officer in lodge? Do we like working on committees? Do we like doing ritual? Do we like working on community projects? These are enjoyable activities. They are part of our commitment to the fraternity. So when we ask ourselves: Do I find my work in Freemasonry satisfying, rewarding, fulfilling—we are really asking if the work we do is enjoyable.

As we define Masonic change in the 21st century it's obvious that there are only two major aspects in Masonry that truly need to be changed. *Simply put, we need to change our attitude and strengthen our commitment to the fraternity.* In fact the real change the fraternity needs is a return to the dedication and commitment that made us such an integral part of the community in the past.

(Source: Richard E. Fletcher, PGM (VT) Exec. Sect. MSA)