



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

May 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)

MAY CALENDAR

- 06 8th Masonic District School of Instruction**
- 08 Hermann-Humboldt Lodge Stated Meeting**
Program: Freemasonry and Noahchide-Bro.
Scott Wolfertz
- 08 Newtown Lodge Stated Meeting**
Program: Freemasonry and the Sons of Liberty
- 10 Official Visitation-Doylestown Lodge**
Program: Freemasonry During the Holocaust-
Bro. Leonard Bezar, P.M.
- 15 W.K. Bray Lodge Stated Meeting**
Program: Past Master Night/Exemplification of
Fellowcraft Degree-Bro. Don Weiner
- 17 8th Masonic District-Extra Mtg. (if needed)**
- 18 Bristol Lodge Stated Meeting**
Program: Lodges of the Civil War & Law
Enforcement Q&A
- 20 Southampton-Radiant Star Lodge No. 806 Stated**
Meeting
Program: Masonic Topic-Bro. Harry Hughes,
P.M.
- 27 Doylestown Lodge-Memorial Day Pancake**
Breakfast. 7am-12 noon.
- 30 Datestone Ceremony of the Grand Lodge of**
PA. 3:00 pm-Masonic Villages, Elizabethtown

June 8, 2019 – Quarterly Communication of the Grand
Lodge-Greater Pittsburgh Masonic Center

SECTIONAL SCHOOL REPORT

Thank you to the brethren of the 8th Masonic District who attended the Region 1 Sectional School of Instruction on April 13th. The new format gave an in depth explanation of the mechanics of the degrees. The presentations were well done and the instruction was very informative.

WAGES OF A MASTER MASON

We have heard a great deal about the wages of a Fellowcraft. It is a Master Masons that we labor as Masons. Then why are we taught nothing about the wages of a Master Mason?

The reason we do not find wages of a Master Mason described is undoubtedly the same reason that explains lack of interpretation of our symbols. As each Brother must find his own interpretation for a Symbol, so must each find for himself his wages of a Master Mason. One Brother may not be paid in the same wages as another. One may receive wages in the gratitude of one for whom he has performed an act of charity. Another may receive wages in the joy that comes from having brought cheer into a sick room. Another may receive wages in the appreciation of Brethren to whom he has imparted something of Masonic knowledge. Another may receive wages in the gratitude of a Brother's family to whom he has been a mainstay during their hour of grief. Another may receive wages in honors conferred upon him by Brethren whom he has faithfully served. Another may receive wages in the friendships that have come to him through his Masonry. Another may receive wages in the satisfaction he derives from service to others. Another may receive wages that to him seem sufficient when he is privileged to coach someone in the lectures, or when he is given a part in degree work.

Wages of a Master Mason are not paid in silver or gold, or articles of commerce and trade that may be stolen or may deteriorate and moulder through the passage of the years. They are paid in those things that the Brother may keep within the repository of the faithful breast. They are paid in those things that are secure in the hearts of his Brethren and his friends. The wages of a Master Mason have no intrinsic value. They cannot be measured by any standard by which the value of intrinsic things is measured. Wages of a Master Mason are measured only by the value place upon them by the one who has receive them.

3-5-7 Minute Talks on Freemasonry, Elbert Bede

“Every horse thinks his own pack is the heaviest.” - Anon.

THIS MONTH IN HISTORY

May 5, 1904

Bro. Denton "Cy" Young pitched baseball's first perfect game, not allowing a single opposition player to reach first base. Bro. Young's outstanding performance led the Boston Americans in a 3-0- victory over Philadelphia in the American League. The Cy Young Award for Pitching was named in his honor. He was a member of Mystic Tie Lodge 194, Urichsville, OH. He died November 4, 1955, and was buried with his Masonic apron on.

May 14, 1804

Bro. Meriwether Lewis and Captain and Bro. William Clark left St. Louis, MO to begin their search for a route to the Pacific Ocean as charged by President Thomas Jefferson. They arrived at the Pacific coast of Oregon in November, 1805, and returned to St. Louis, September 23, 1806. Bro. Lewis was a member of Door to Virtue Lodge No. 44, Albemarle County, VA. That Lodge went out of existence in 1801 and is believed that Bro. Lewis, along with many others, transferred to Widow's Son Lodge No. 60, Charlottesville, VA. He died of gunshot wounds, October 8, 1809. It is not known whether he was robbed, killed or had committed suicide. He had long been subject to attacks of depression and hypochondria. Bro. William Clark was a member of St. Louis Lodge No. 111 (under Pennsylvania Charter). He died September 1, 1838, in St. Louis, and was buried in Bellefontaine Cemetery there with Masonic honors. A large monument with the square and compasses stands over his grave.

ABOUT CONCORDANT AND APPENDANT MASONIC BODIES

The York Rite is one of the major concordant bodies of Freemasonry in which a Master Mason may proceed to supplement or amplify the Craft degrees, affording historical background on the work and meaning of Freemasonry. The York Rite is a concordant body of Masonry, and confers degrees beyond the Blue Lodge's three degrees. In the York Rite, a Master Mason may become a member of three separate bodies — a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, a Council of Royal and Select Master Masons, and a Commandery of Knights Templar.

The York Rite consists of nine additional degrees, conferred as such:

Chapter of Royal Arch Masons: Mark Master, Most Excellent Master, and Royal Arch Mason;

Council of Royal and Select Master Masons: Cryptic Degrees of the Royal Master, Select Master, and Super Excellent Master;

The Templar Orders, which comprise the last degrees of the York Rite, are specifically Christian. The Royal Arch Chapter and Council of Royal and Select Master Masons, which comprise the first two sections of the York Rite, are not specifically Christian.

For additional information on these organizations within our district, see the 8th Masonic District webpage.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania Website-Online Education

DID YOU KNOW?

Mozart and the Masonic Funeral Service

The Philadelphia Orchestra recently advertised a concert program which included Mozart's "Masonic Funeral Service". Never hearing of this, the following information was discovered:

Wolfgang Mozart joined the order of the Freemasons at the lodge "Zur Wohltätigkeit" (To Charity) in Vienna on December 14, 1784. Mozart and Freemasonry seemed an ideal match, and in a little over a year he raised to a "master mason." A small number of works among Mozart's late output was intended directly for use in Masonic lodges, and two major non-Masonic works, the opera *Die Zauberflöte* (The Magic Flute) and the Requiem, share strong Masonic connections. The best known of Mozart's Masonic compositions is the *Maurerische Trauermusik*, scored originally for two violins, two violas, clarinet, basset horn, two oboes, two horns, and bass. Mozart later added parts for two additional basset horns and bassoon, resulting in an instrumentation absolutely unique in Mozart's vast output.

According to Mozart's handwritten inventory of his music, the Masonic Funeral Music was written "on the death of brothers Mecklenburg and Esterházy" in November 1785. Duke Georg August of Mecklenburg-Strelitz and Count Franz Esterházy von Galántha were both members of the Viennese aristocracy, the former a major-general in the Army and the latter Hungarian Court Chancellor. Their combined memorial service was given at the Lodge of Sorrows on November 17, 1785. Research undertaken in the 1980s suggests that an early version of the *Maurerische Trauermusik* was played at the induction of a new Mason at the lodge "Zur wahren Eintracht" on August 12, 1785.

OLD MINUTES

The oldest known Lodge Minutes which record the initiation of a candidate in England are the minutes of a Scottish Lodge some of whose members were in the Scottish Army invading England, and while there, on May 20, 1641, initiated Robert Moray, or Muray, an officer in the Scottish Army.

Tied To Masonic Apron Strings, Steward M.L. Pollard

HOUSE OF MEMORIES

I've built a house not made with hands

For days that are to be,

And in this house I've stored away

Each precious memory.

My treasure house of lovely thoughts,

Mean more to me than gold,

For happy memories will prove,

A solace when I'm old.

Trestleboard Tidbits, The Masonic Service Association