



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

June 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)

JUNE CALENDAR

- 03 8th Masonic District School of Instruction
- 08 Quarterly Communication
Greater Pittsburgh Masonic Center
- 12 Hermann-Humboldt Lodge Stated Meeting
*Program: The Working Tools of the Master
Mason*
- 12 Newtown Lodge Stated Meeting
Program: Masonic Youth-Rainbow Girls
- 14 Doylestown Lodge Stated Meeting
*Program: Music and the Craft: Famous Masonic
Composers*
- 15 Bristol Lodge Stated Meeting
Program: Masonic Greetings in Public
- 17 DDGM Official Visitation-Southampton
Radiant Star Lodge
Program: President Andrew Jackson, Mason
- 19 W.K. Bray Lodge Stated Meeting
Program: Esoteric Freemasonry
- 21 8th Masonic District-Extra Mtg. (if needed)

NOTE: Due to a conflicting commitment, the Official Visitation originally scheduled at Bristol Lodge this month will be rescheduled. Sorry for any inconvenience.

SUMMER SCHOOL OF INSTRUCTION - JULY

The 8th Masonic District Summer School of Instruction will be held on Tuesday, July 9 and 23, 2019 at the Frey Masonic Center at the Masonic Village-Warminster, 850 Norristown Road, Warminster, PA. The meeting will begin at 7:00 pm.

Planned topics will be Masonic Law and Lodge Leadership. All lodge officers are expected to attend. All Masons are welcome.

MOVIES UNDER THE STARS CELEBRATE 9TH SEASON

Newtown Lodge #427

located at the corner of Edgewood and Heacock Roads in Woodside, Pa 19067
(across from McCaffrey's Market)

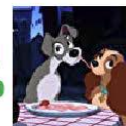
is proud to present
Season Nine of

Movies Under the Stars

June 1
Despicable Me 3



June 29
Lady and
the Tramp



July 27
The Little Mermaid
featuring a Meet and Greet with Ariel (at 7:00PM)



August 24
Lilo & Stitch



Movies start at dusk

Bring your blankets/lawn chairs for seating

FREE ADMISSION

Concessions are available on a voluntary donation basis

For more information or questions, please call: 215-816-5956
or email us at: papachuck5@comcast.net

8TH MASONIC DISTRICT CIGAR-B-QUE SCHEDULED

The 4th Annual Cigar-B-Que is scheduled for Sunday, September 29, 2019, 4 pm-8pm. The location is the same: The Bucks County FOP Picnic Pavilion, 1058 Millcreek Road, Wycombe, PA. Attendees MUST be over 21 years of age.

Tickets are \$65.00/pp for a minimum of three cigars from our friends at Hiram & Solomon Cigars, barbecue supplied by Billy-D's Bar-B-Que, tastings, beer and soda.

Deadline for tickets is September 21, 2019. For tickets or information, contact DDGM Rich Bradbury at DDGM08@pagrandlodge.org or phone/text 215-852-3532.

THIS MONTH IN HISTORY

June 12, 1929

The National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum was dedicated at Cooperstown, NY. More than 200 individuals have been honored for their contributions to the game of baseball by into the Baseball Hall of Fame. Of the first five players to be so honored, four were Freemasons: Bro. Tyrus R. "Ty" Cobb of Royston Lodge No.52, Detroit, MI; Bro. John "Honus" Wagner of Centennial Lodge No. 544, Carnegie, PA; Bro. Christopher "Christie:" Mathewson of New York City's Architect Lodge No. 519. The non-Masons were Walter Johnson and Babe Ruth.

June 11, 1770

Bro. and Captain James Cook, as Captain of HMS Endeavor, "Discovered" Australia's Great Barrier Reef by running aground onto it. This renowned explorer was killed by natives February 4, 1779 in Hawaii during a scuffle over a stolen boat. Though no proof exists of his membership he is constantly referred to as a member of the Craft.

ABOUT CONCORDANT AND APPENDANT MASONIC BODIES

The Scottish Rite is another concordant body of Freemasonry in which a Master Mason may proceed after he had completed the three degrees of Symbolic or Blue Lodge Masonry. The Scottish Rite work expands and elaborates on the lessons of the three Craft Lodge degrees. As with Freemasonry, the Scottish Rite is not a religion, and it is nondenominational although it does require a belief in a Supreme Being. In the United States, it is divided into two jurisdictions, the Southern Jurisdiction and the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction. Pennsylvania is part of the latter.

The Scottish Rite uses extensive dramatic plays and allegory to emphasize the content and messages of its degrees. A Freemason, after viewing these dramas, will attain the 32nd degree in Scottish Rite Masonry. The Scottish Rite operates in Valleys, covering large territories. They are made up of four internal bodies – the Lodge of Perfection, the Council of Princes of Jerusalem, the Chapter of Rose Croix and the Consistory.

The Scottish Rite includes the Degrees from the Fourth to the Thirty-second, inclusive. These are conferred at large semi-annual events known as Reunions. Reunions are big affairs, in some cases lasting for multiple days.

To a non-Mason this may sound like a 32nd Degree member is a high ranking Mason, however, this would be a misconception. The highest degree in Freemasonry is the Third or Master Mason Degree. Degrees, as they relate to the Scottish Rite, indicate the level of knowledge that a Master Mason has attained. Also, in the Scottish Rite, the 33rd Degree, an honorary degree, is bestowed on members who have given outstanding service to Freemasonry or to their communities.

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?

MASONIC MEMBERSHIP OF THE FOUNDING FATHERS - Charles Humphreys, Pennsylvania

Charles Humphrey was born September 19, 1714 in Haverford, Delaware County. He was a Quaker who was opposed to the war and voted against the Declaration of Independence. He was a signer of the Articles of Association.

On September 5, 1774 the Continental Congress convened for the first time and adopted the Articles of Association, which stated that if the Intolerable Acts were not repealed by December 1, 1774, a boycott of British goods would begin in the colonies. The Articles of Association were dated October 20, 1774 and were the foundations leading to the Declaration of Independence.

The Articles of Association were calculated to not offend the King but to blame lower level officials alleging the current system was: "evidently calculated for enslaving these colonies, and, with them, the British Empire". A formal petition to King George III was drafted on October 26 that outlined the grievances of the colonies. The Congress voted to reconvene in Philadelphia on May 10, 1775.

Brother Charles Humphrey was a member of Tun Tavern Lodge No. 3 of the Moderns in Philadelphia, April 11, 1750.

Masonic Membership of the Founding Fathers, The MSA

A 'DIVERTISEMENT' OF 1676

A scurrilous sheet issued weekly in London from early 1676 to late the following year and known as *Poor Robin's Intelligence* contained what were called 'divertisements'. These were facetious quasi-advertisements and burlesques. The occurrence in one of them of references to the Kaballa, the Rosy Cross, the Hermeticks, and the Accepted Masons must give us pause.

These are to give notice that the Modern Green-ribbon'd Caball, together with the Ancient Brotherhood of the Rosy-Cross; the Hermetick Adepti and the company of Accepted Masons, intend all to Dine together on the 31 of November next, at the Flying-Bull in Wind-Mill-Crown-Street; having already given order for great store of Black-Swan Pies, Poach'd Phoenixes Eggs, Haunches of Unicorns, &c...

Now, if the "Company" here mentioned is intended to be the London Company of Masons, as appears to be the case, quite apart from implying any possible association with the Rosicrucians etc., the divertissement is of marked interest. It shows that the London Company was in the popular mind closely associated with *accepted* masons, although it has for hundreds of years been operating as a trade company and was shortly to be confirmed in that capacity by the grant of a charter from Charles II. Whether that be so or not, this small piece of evidence goes to confirm that the 'accepted mason' was well known as early as 1676.

Freemasons' Guide and Compendium, Bernard E. Jones