



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

September 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)

SEPTEMBER CALENDAR

- 02 No School of Instruction – Labor Day
- 09 8th Masonic District School of Instruction**
- 11 Hermann-Humboldt Lodge Stated Meeting
Program: The Lewis Jewel
- 11 Newtown Lodge Stated Meeting (EA)
Program: Membership Awareness Program
- 13 Doylestown Lodge Stated Meeting
Program: Religious Symbols of Freemasonry-
Bro. Yasser Al-Khatib, P.M.
- 14 Ritual Competition Finals, Elizabethtown, PA
- 14 Bristol Lodge Stated Meeting
Program: The Two St. Johns of Freemasonry
- 16 Southampton Radiant Star Lodge Stated Meeting
Program: Membership Awareness Program
- 18 W.K. Bray Lodge Stated Meeting
Program: Freemasonry a School of Leadership, Bro.
Yasser Al-Khatib, P.M.
- 20 8th Masonic District-Extra Mtg. (if needed)
- 21 Autumn Days, Masonic Village,
Elizabethtown**
- 28 District Past Master's Breakfast-Eagle Diner,
Warminster**
- 29 8th Masonic District Cigar-B-Que**

AUTUMN DAYS – SEPTEMBER 21ST

Just a reminder that Autumn Days at the Masonic Villages in Elizabethtown will be held on September 21st. The event is open to Masons, non-Masons, family and friends. This is a great opportunity to visit the Veterans' Memorial and the train club exhibit in their building. There is great entertainment, clowns, food and crafts and don't forget to visit the farm market! Many booths are sponsored by the various Masonic organizations and provide activities for the children. Admission is free so come out for a day of fresh country air and Masonic spirit. I hope to see you there.

8TH MASONIC DISTRICT CIGAR-B-QUE DEADLINE APPROACHING

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.

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

ANNUAL COMMUNICATION–DECEMBER 27TH

The Grand Lodge Annual Communication is scheduled for December 27, 2019, 10:00 am. when the new R.W. Grand Master will be installed. This will be an open installation, so friends and ladies are invited to attend.

Brother Thomas Gamon, R.W. Deputy Grand Master will be installed as the R.W. Grand Master. Since Brother Gamon is from this Region, we expect that brothers will take the opportunity to come out to celebrate this new chapter for the Grand Lodge and congratulate our new Grand Master. Tickets are \$100.00/pp and can be obtained from DDGM Bradbury, DDGM08@pagrandlodge.org or phone/text 215-852-3532.

Lodges in the region are encouraged to sponsor a table of ten seats; lodge funds may be used to offset the expense upon appropriate motion and lodge vote. Please come out and show your support to Brother Gamon.

The schedule of events is as follows:

10:00 AM – 1:00 PM	Open Communication
1:30 PM - 2:30 PM	Special Meeting with Lodge 595
3:00 PM - 4:15 PM	Reception
4:30 PM - 6:30 PM	Inaugural Banquet
6:30 PM – 7:30 PM	Entertainment
7:30 PM – 9:00 PM	Social

Please note that there will not be a luncheon this year due to the banquet time being moved up to 4:30 PM.

THIS MONTH IN HISTORY

September 22, 1776

Nathan Hale, the American patriot, was hanged by the British as a spy during the Revolution. He was not a Freemason, though was mistaken for one by many Masonic writers to be a Colonel of the same name, Col. Nathan Hale, who had been a member of St. John's Lodge in Portsmouth. He too was captured by the British at Hubbardton during the American Revolution but died a war prisoner in 1780. New Hampshire. This should have been evident for the Nathan Hale who was executed as a spy had been born in 1756 and executed in 1776. That would have made him 20 years old at the time of his execution. While not an impossible age for a Freemason it would have been rare one.

September 19, 1778

Bro. Henry Peter Brougham, born in Edinburgh, Scotland, from 1830, Lord High Chancellor of England. In 1802 he co-founded the "Edinburgh Review," practiced at the English bar in 1808 and served as a member of parliament in 1810. He carried the measure making slave trade a felony and in 1828 was a founder of London University. The Brougham carriage was named for him. Bro. Brougham was initiated, passed and raised in Fortrose Lodge., Stonoway, Scotland, in 1799, and on June 24, 1800, affiliated with Cononate Kilwinning Lodge in Edinburgh. He died May 7, 1868, at Cannes, France.

WISDOM

Prudence in Masonry means wisdom; wisdom was anciently a cardinal virtue and the mere changing of the syllables by which it is denominated does not change its nature. It is the wisdom which was meant by the writer of Proverbs, who said, "the heart of the prudent getteth knowledge."

Freemasonry is a system of wisdom of heart, wisdom of mind, wisdom, if the Mason so wills it, of soul. It is an approach of man to his Creator. It is a looking forward to better days and a looking up to higher things. Its whole structure is aimed at helping a man in the formation of good character. Wisdom is an essential for this, from thinking, rather than from education and teaching. Consider prudence as meaning a wisdom of both heart and mind and it becomes something high and holy and much more impressive than mere precaution, judged by the modern and colloquial meaning of the word prudence . . . therefore, a man is prudent when he allows wisdom to rule his actions.

*Carl H. Claudy (Source: A Treasury of Masonic Thought)
Emessary Notes, August 2006*

QUOTE OF THE MONTH

Do not keep the alabaster box of love and tenderness sealed up until your friends are dead. Fill their lives with sweetness. Speak approving, cheerful words while their ears can hear them and while their hearts can be thrilled by them.

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DID YOU KNOW?

THE MASONIC OAK OF TEXAS

In 1835 a group of Masons met under a large oak tree in Brazoria, Texas, and took the first step to form Holland Lodge No. 1. The tree, known as the Masonic Oak, has continued to grow and is still in existence.

On May 15, 1966, the Masons of Texas made a pilgrimage to the Oak. There was singing, dinner, preaching and much fun. The Grand Master, H. W. Fullingim, dedicated the place by placing a Texas State Historical Marker near the Oak to commemorate the start of the lodge there.

DO YOU "JUST BELONG"

Are you an active member
The kind that would be missed
Or are you just contented
Thar your name is on the list?

Do you attend the meetings
And mingle with the flock
Or do you stay at home
And criticize and knock?

Do you take an active part
To help the work along
Are you satisfied to be
The king that "JUST BELONG"?

Do you ever go and visit
A member that is sick
Or leave the work to a few
And talk about the clique?

This this over, member,
You know right from wrong
Are you an active member
Or do you "JUST BELONG"?

Anonymous

ELIAS ASHMOLE

The name Elias Ashmole is constantly mentioned when discussing Freemasonry and its history. The reason for his significance is his admission into a lodge in 1646 as a speculative Mason, a practice that is theorized to have occurred long before that time. It was said that admissions of non-Masons to the fraternity exacerbated a panic that caused operative lodges to destroy records for fear of their information falling into the wrong hands.

Ashmole was a politician, collector, and antiquarian with a thirst for knowledge, especially when it came to alchemy and astrology. He was in fact, an avid student in the study of alchemy, and in the 1650's, he was able to compile and publish many manuscripts that were formerly only part of private collections. In later years, Ashmole even consulted on astrological matters with King Charles II and his court.

The Everything Freemasons Book, John Young, & Barb Karg