



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

November 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)

NOVEMBER CALENDAR

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| 04 | 8th Masonic District School of Instruction |
| 08 | Doylestown Lodge Stated Meeting
<i>Program: Membership Awareness Program-
Richard H. Bradbury, Sr., DDGM</i> |
| 09 | Bristol Lodge Stated Meeting
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Richard H. Bradbury, Sr., DDGM</i> |
| 13 | Hermann-Humboldt Lodge Stated Meeting
<i>Program: Freemasonry and the Veteran-Bro.
David Christian</i> |
| 13 | Newtown Lodge Stated Meeting
<i>Program: Ben Franklin and the Tun Tavern-Bro.
Sam Yosen</i> |
| 15 | 8th Masonic District-Extra Mtg. (if needed) |
| 18 | Southampton Radiant Star Lodge Stated Mtg.
<i>Program: Fun and Fellowship of Being a Mason-
Bro. Edward Stumm</i> |
| 20 | W.K. Bray Lodge Stated Meeting
<i>Program: Help for Our Heroes-Bro. Harris
Brooks</i> |
| 24 | 59 th Annual Hatboro Holiday Parade |

DISTRICT PAST MASTERS MET FOR BREAKFAST

The 8th District Past Master Breakfast was held on September 28th with nine Past Masters enjoying conversation over breakfast at the Eagle Diner, Warminster. Aside from reminiscing, the new Membership Awareness Program was discussed as was the need for past masters to be more active in assisting the officers of the lodge with the required proficiency work.

The Spring Breakfast date will be announced the beginning of next year. If any past master has a suggestion on a better day, time or place that may encourage a larger attendance, please contact DDGM Richard H. Bradbury, Sr.

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.

The schedule of events is as follows:

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| 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM | Open Communication |
| 1:30 PM - 2:30 PM | Special Meeting of Lodge 595 |
| 3:00 PM - 4:15 PM | Reception |
| 4:30 PM - 6:30 PM | Inaugural Banquet |

Please note that there will not be a luncheon this year due to the banquet time being moved up to 4:30 PM. Banquet tickets are \$100.00 per person and are to be purchased from DDGM Richard Bradbury at 215-852-3532.

ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL DISTRICT CIGAR-B-QUE

The 4th Annual District Cigar-B-Que was a great success again this year. A record total of 32 people were in attendance that included: Masons, non-Masons and a Past Worthy Matron of the Order of the Eastern Star. We all came together for conversation over great food and cigars. It was a wonderful afternoon of fellowship.

Thank you to our vendors, Hiram & Solomon Cigars and Billy-D's Bar-B-Que, for their continued support of this event.

Through the generosity of the attendees and ticket sales, the event's net proceeds will result in a donation of \$1,150.00 to Masonic Charities being made. Thank you to all those who came out to support this district event.

59th ANNUAL HATBORO HOLIDAY PARADE

The Hatboro Holiday Parade will be held on Sunday, November 24, 2019 at 2:00 pm. The theme is "Santa's Coming To Town". At this time, the two Grand Lodge floats are expected to be on hand. The officers of lodges in the 8th Masonic District are encouraged to join us and march in support of W.K. Bray Lodge No. 410. Please contact Bro. Frank Strassacker, W.M. for additional details. It is a great opportunity to show our presence in the community.

THIS MONTH IN HISTORY

November 2, 1795

In 1795 was born at Mecklenburg County, N.C. the man who was to become the 11th President of the United States - Bro. James Knox Polk. His term of office ran from March 4, 1845 to March 3, 1849. Bro. Polk, who was a compromise candidate at the 1844 Democratic Party National Convention, was awarded the nomination on the ninth ballot. He declined to be a candidate for a second term and declared himself to be considerably relieved at the completion of his Presidency. He died shortly after at Nashville, TN in June 15, 1849. Bro. Polk was initiated, passed and raised in 1820 at Columbia Lodge 21, Columbia, TN. He was Junior Deacon in 1820 then Junior Warden of the same Lodge. He was also a member of the Mark and Royal Arch.

November 6, 1854

John Phillip Sousa was born in Washington, D.C. He was the Mason who was to become America's "March King" for such rousers as "The Stars and Stripes forever," "Semper Fidelis," "El Capitan, Nobles of the Mystic Shrine," "Washington Post" and others. From 1880 to 1892 he led the band of the US Marine Corps and later his own band. "The March King" exerted a tremendous influence on martial music. He was a member of Hiram Lodge 10 at Washington, DC. Bro. Sousa died at Reading, PA. on March 6 1932.

RIDING THE GOAT

The vulgar idea that *riding the goat* constitutes a part of the ceremonies of initiation in a Masonic Lodge has its real origin in the superstition of antiquity. The old Greeks and Romans portrayed their mystical god Pan in horns and hoof and shaggy hide and called him *goat-footed*. When the demonology of the classics was adopted and modified by the early Christians, Pan gave way to Satan, who naturally inherited his attributes; so that to the common mind the Devil was represented by a he-goat, and his best known marks were the horns, the beard, and the cloven hoofs. Then came the witch orgies, where, it was said, the Devil appeared riding on a goat. These orgies of the witches, where, amid fearfully blasphemous ceremonies, they practised initiation into their Satanic Rites, became, to the vulgar and the illiterate, the type of the Masonic Mysteries; for, as Doctor Oliver says, it was in England a common belief that the Freemasons were accustomed in their Lodges "to raise the Devil." So the riding of the goat, which was believed to be practiced and the saying remains to this day, although the belief has long since died out.

Encyclopedia of Freemasonry, Part 1, Albert G. Mackey and H.L. Haywood

A THANKSGIVING THOUGHT

"Reflect upon your present blessings, of which every man has plenty; not on your past misfortunes of which all men have some."

Charles Dickens

DID YOU KNOW?

Frederick the Great Helps a Brother's Widow

Frederick the Great, a Mason without any doubt, while in a jewelry shop in Potsdam, Germany, observed a middle-aged woman exhibiting an article of silver having certain Masonic symbols, possibly a Past Master's jewel.

She was trying to borrow money on it. She said she had come to this particular shop to avoid the usurers and because the owner of the shop was a Mason.

The jeweler told her that he was not in the pawn broking business and couldn't make the loan.

Another person in the shop asked her many questions concerning the jewel, whose it was, how she had possession of it, etc.

The man offered to buy the jewel and kept raising the price. When he decided to make her the loan, he discovered he had no money in his pocket.

He then disclosed to the surprised woman that he was the King.

Fredrick shook his staff at the jeweler and told him that he was not fit to be a Mason and threatened to file charges against him.

The following morning the woman went to see Fredrick and the palace and he instructed her to return whenever she was in need of help.

THE MASTER MASON DEGREE

Let us then be forging, forging stronger still the Mystic chain,

For the glory of the meeting and the work that doth remain.

In the spirit of the Poet, let us do our work with care

"As we meet upon the Level, and we part upon the Square."

L.B. Mitchell

10 KEYS TO "BETTER BROTHERHOOD"

Speak to your Brothers. There is nothing as heart-warming as a cheerful word of greeting.

Smile. It takes 72 muscles to frown - only 14 to smile.

Call your Brothers by name. The sweetest music to anyone's ears is the sound of his own name.

Be friendly. If you would have friends you must be friendly.

Be cordial. Speak and act as if everything you do were a genuine pleasure.

Be interested in people. You can like everybody if you try.

Be generous with praise - cautious with criticism. Be considerate of the feelings of others. It will be appreciated.

Be thoughtful of the opinions of others. There are three sides to a controversy - yours, the other fellow's and the right one.

Be ever ready to serve. What counts most in life is that we do for others.

(Valley of Trenton)

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