



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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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)

JANUARY CALENDAR

- 04 Bristol Lodge Stated Meeting
Program: Exemplification of Examination of Visitor
- 06 **8th Masonic District School of Instruction**
- 08 **Board of Governors Meeting**
- 08 Hermann-Humboldt Lodge Stated Meeting
Program: The Wages of Freemasonry
- 08 Newtown Lodge Stated Meeting
Program: Welcome Night-Introduction of New Members in Past Year-Award Presentations
- 10 Doylestown Lodge Stated Meeting
Program: The Five Orders of Architecture
- 15 W.K. Bray Lodge Stated Meeting
Program: The Golden Fleece
- 25 **RW Grand Master Breakfast, LuLu Shrine**
- 20 Southampton Radiant Star Lodge Stated Mtg.
Program: Freemasonry in the Middle East

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL THE NEWLY
ELECTED RIGHT WORSHIPFUL GRAND LODGE
AND BLUE LODGE OFFICERS.

LULU SHRINE 29TH ANNUAL BREAKFAST HONORS RW GRAND MASTER

The annual Grand Master Breakfast will be held on Saturday, January 25, 2019 @ 10:00 am, hosted by LuLu Shrine, 5140 Butler Pike, Plymouth Meeting, PA. This is an opportunity to hear the newly installed RWGM discuss his initiatives.

The 8th Masonic District has a table of 10 reserved with seats on a first call basis at a cost of \$12.00 per person. If you are interested in sitting at the table, contact DDGM Bradbury, ddgm08@pagrandlodge.org or 215-852-3532.

A SQUARE AND COMPASSES DO NOT THEMSELVES A MASON MAKE

Recently a family presented Doylestown Lodge No. 245 with an heirloom that was held by a relative; a poster-like document framed in an impressive wood frame. Believing they were returning a Masonic relic back to its local home, they contacted the lodge and delivered it.

Upon examination of the document, a square and compasses were prominently displayed in the top center. It was then realized that this was not a Masonic document as the family believed. Though it did depict the well-known Masonic working tools, a muscled arm with a hammer were found in the center of the compasses instead of the "G". Further, the poster depicted men in various activities, including what appeared to be a firing squad. In hopes of determining what organization issued such a poster using the described image, Brother Seth Anthony, P.M. of Abraham C. Treichler Lodge No. 682, was contacted for assistance. Brother Anthony has researched and presents programs on non-Masonic fraternal organizations. He quickly responded, advising it was the emblem of the Junior Order of United American Mechanics.

According to the Junior Order's website (which displays the symbols) it is "the oldest patriotic fraternal organization formed in the United States". The membership "is composed of American citizens of good moral character who believe in a Supreme Being..." The organization opposes the union of church and state, they "support democracy, freedom, and the right to worship as you choose." They also "believe that Legal Immigration is the only way to gain entry and remain in America to reap the benefits of our society." In 1979, there were 8,500 members in 400 local councils.

As a result of the research the family was notified and the document was returned to them. They contacted the Germantown Historical Society who was interested in the print and would eagerly accept it for their collection.

Other organizations that utilize a square and compasses include: The Order of Free Gardeners (with a pruning knife in the center); The Independent United Order of Mechanics; The Royal Black Institution; Carpenter's Company of the City and County of Philadelphia and The Incorporation of Wrights and Masons-Edinburgh Trades (Wright is the Scottish and Northern England term for Carpenter).

THIS MONTH IN HISTORY

January 23, 1849

Bro. James W. Marshal, a New Jersey mechanic and employee of John Sutter, accidentally discovered gold while building a sawmill near Caloma, CA., on the south fork of the American River. Efforts to keep the discovery secret failed, and the gold rush of 1849 was soon off and running.

REVISED "THE EXEMPLAR" IS NOW AVAILABLE

"The Exemplar: a Guide to a Mason's Actions" was written by RWPGM William A. Carpenter as a guide to Pennsylvania Freemasonry. It has been out of print for many years, but under the direction of RWPGM S. Eugene Herritt it was revised to reflect current trends and terms in today's Fraternity. It is an excellent educational guide that provides information on Masonic history, manners and includes a glossary of Masonic terms and symbols. The newly updated digital edition is available at https://pagrandlodge.org/.../uploads/2019/11/Exemplar_2019.pdf. This is a great resource to add to your Masonic library...check it out.

GLOSSARY: COLUMN

A round pillar made to support as well as to adorn a building, whose construction varies in the different orders of architecture. In Freemasonry, *columns* have a symbolic signification as the supports of a Lodge, and are known as the *Columns of Wisdom, Strength and Beauty*. The broken column is also a symbol in Freemasonry.

COLUMNS, THE WARDENS'. In Freemasonry the Senior Warden's Column represent the pillar Jachin while the Junior Warden's Column represents the pillar Boaz. The Senior Warden's Column is in an erect position and the Junior Warden's place horizontally during labor, these positions being reversed during refreshment.

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

THE LOST CHORD

One man gets nothing but discords from the keys of the piano; another gets harmony. No one claims the piano is at fault. Life is that same way. The discord is there; so is the harmony. Play it correctly and it gives forth the beauty; play it falsely and it will utter ugliness. But life is not at fault. The trouble lies in the player.

From *The Freemason, Tied to Masonic Apron Strings*

QUOTE OF THE MONTH

The secret of Masonry, like the secret of life, can be known only by those who seek it, serve it, live it. It cannot be uttered; it can only be felt and acted. It is, in fact, an open secret, and each man knows it according to his quest and capacity. Like all things worth knowing, no one can know it for another and no man can know it alone.

William Howard Taft

DID YOU KNOW?

Counties in Texas

Of the 254 counties in Texas, 102 are named for Freemasons. Among them are Stephen F. Austin, Robert Emmett, Bledsoe Baylor, James Bowie, David Crockett, George M. Dallas, Rev. John B. Denton, Jack Hayes, Sam Houston, Anson Jones, Mirabeau B. Lamar, James Madison, Pat Neff, James K. Polk, Sam Ross, Adolphus Sterne, Edward H. Tarrant, William B. Travis, and George Washington.

(Source: "The Scottish Rite Journal", Southern Jurisdiction)
Academy of Masonic Knowledge Facebook Page

THE APRON

I took an apron from the pile of white
And tied it on to sit in Lodge one night.
As I sat there I felt a warm glow
About the apron and I looked and lo—
The other brethren who had worn it there
Were gathered 'round in mystic meeting rare.

We shared with each the blessings of the years,
The dreams, successes, hopes and joyous tears;
Then we grew humble in each other's loss,
In full compassion shared each brother's cross;
Our hearts were one in that most holy place,
Our spirits fused in Gods's Masonic grace.

We looked upon the apron's perfect white,
We all were wearing it that mystic night,
We saw that it was large enough to fit
The whole wide world, for God had fashioned it.

Milford Shields, P.M., Poet Laureate, inspired by the Aprons at the Masonic Grand Lodge Session held in Denver Jan. 28-29, 1969. *Tied to Masonic Apron Strings*, Stewart M.L. Pollard

WHO ARE THE 'SIDELINERS'?

"On the sidelines" is defined by Webster's New World Dictionary as (1) in the area along the sidelines; (2) outside the main sphere of action; (3) not actively participating. The noun, sideliner, describes the person who is on the sideline. The sideliner helps comprise the largest single group at most any function or activity.

The **Sideliner** in a Masonic Lodge is that person who holds no office, is not taking part in the ritual or has no committee responsibility. As such, it would appear that the **Sideliner** serves no useful purpose in the Lodge. Nothing can be farther from the truth.

To be a **Sideliner**, one must first of all attend Lodge. Then, if he is loyal, cooperative, enthusiastic, cordial, sympathetic and courageous, he is befitting his Lodge and the Fraternity. It is the **Sideliner** who keeps the Lodge viable. It is the **Sideliner** who makes the Lodge work. It is the **Sideliner** who is the Lodge.

You, too, can be a **Sideliner**.

Emessay Notes, January 2012, MSANA