



8th Masonic District

The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania



Bristol Lodge No. 25, Hermann-Humboldt Lodge No. 125,
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April 2020

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)

APRIL CALENDAR

**Due to the ongoing concerns about the Coronavirus, the
RW Grand Master has canceled/suspended ALL
Masonic activities until further notice.**

While the Grand Lodge is not aware of any cases of the
Coronavirus at any of the Masonic Villages, all public
events are suspended until further notice and activities are
limited at all the campuses. Visitors to the health care
facilities will be screened.

Brethren are urged to follow all precautions that are put out
by the Center for Disease Control to safeguard you and your
loved ones during this time.

DIFFERENCE BETWEEN “STATIONS” AND “PLACES”

Only three officers of the Lodge occupy "Stations," the Master
and the two Wardens. The remainder of the officers have
"Places."

In the dictionary, "Station" gives the idea of being
"permanent," where "Place" indicates a more temporary
location.

Permanent is more like the Master and the Wardens, who
cannot resign; temporary can refer to the other officers who
may resign and therefore occupy "places."

PAYMENT OF DUES IS EXTENDED

Many Lodges made motions to extend the deadline for Lodge
dues until their April Stated Meeting, as permitted by Masonic
Law. Due to the cancellation of all Masonic activities,
Members of those lodges will now have until the May Stated
Meeting to pay their dues before risking suspension. If you
have not paid your dues, please do so immediately.

FROM DARKNESS TO MASONIC LIGHT

Oklahoma Masonic Indian Degree Team

The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of A.F. & A. M. of
Delaware will be proud to host the Oklahoma Masonic
Indian Degree Team on October 10, 2020.

The Oklahoma Masonic Indian Degree team is made up
of Native American Freemasons from the state of
Oklahoma and is the only Master Mason degree team
made up entirely of Native Americans! The team travels
around the state, country and world to perform the Master
Mason degree according to the Oklahoma Grand Lodge
ritual. For the second section the M.W. Grand Lodge of
the State of Oklahoma has allowed them to deviate
slightly in the ritual work. For example, they wear full
Native American regalia for the second section. In
addition to degree work the team also puts on educational
programs which include Native American singing, dance,
and a Q & A session. The degree work is for the
enjoyment of master masons everywhere.

The Team will visit Delaware on Saturday, October 10,
2020. The degree will be held begin at 4:00 PM and
following the first section will break for a dinner catered
by Haass Family Butcher Shop. The second section will
follow dinner.

The event will be held at Al Johnson's Farm, 4403 Irish
Hill Road, Magnolia, DE 19962.

Tickets are \$38.77 (including fees) per Brother, which
includes admission to the degree and the dinner. We
encourage you to purchase your tickets as soon as
possible, as they are going fast and we don't want you to
miss this once in a lifetime experience. Tickets are
available on-line: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/third-degree-by-the-oklahoma-masonic-indian-degree-team-tickets-78247565575?aff=ebdssbeac>

For more information on the event or the raffle, please
contact PM Chad Robinson at (302) 270-4391.

NOTE: This event is open only to Master Masons that are
members of Grand Lodges in Harmony with the Grand
Lodge of Delaware. If interested in carpooling, contact
DDGM Bradbury.

THIS MONTH IN HISTORY

April 7, 1940

A ten-cent stamp honoring Bro. Booker T. Washington (1856-1915) was issued on April 7, 1940 as part of the Famous American Series. He was the first African-American to be depicted on a postage stamp. Bro. Washington was born into slavery, but following Emancipation he attended a newly founded school for blacks: Hampton Normal and Agricultural Institute (now Hampton University). In 1879 he became an instructor at Hampton, and was so successful that two years later he was appointed principal of a black school in Tuskegee, Alabama (now Tuskegee University). He built the school into a significant African-American institution of learning, with an emphasis on agricultural and industrial training. As a strategy for improving the situation of African-Americans following the Emancipation from slavery, Washington advocated economic independence through self-help, hard work, and a practical education. Although later generations of African-American leaders faulted Washington for urging blacks to accept their inferior social position while striving to raise themselves, he is still admired for his dedication to black advancement and the many practical steps he took to promote it. In addition to his work at Tuskegee, Booker T. Business League and the author of an inspiring autobiography and a biography of Frederick Douglass. Bro. Washington was made a Mason "at sight" by the Grand Master of the Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, causing some difficulty, as he was a resident of Alabama. He died November 4, 1915.

WHAT MAKES A MASON - Geo. H. Free

What makes you a Mason, O brother of mine?

It isn't the dueguard, nor is it the sign,

It isn't the jewel which hangs on your breast,

It isn't the apron in which you are dressed,

It isn't the step, nor the token, nor grip,

Nor lectures that fluently flow from the lip,

Nor yet the possession of that mystic word,

On five points of fellowship duly conferred.

Though these are essential, desirable, fine,

They don't make a Mason, O brother of mine.

That you to your sworn obligation are true-

"Tis, that, brother mine, makes a Mason of you.

Secure in your heart you must safeguard your trust,

With lodge and with brother be honest and just,

Assist the deserving who cry in their need,

Be chaste in thought, in your word and deed,

Support him who falters, with hope banish fear,

And whisper advice in an erring one's ear.

Then will the Great Lights on your path brightly shine,

And you'll be a Mason, O brother of mine.

Your use of life's hours by the gauge you must try,

The gavel to vices with courage apply;

Your walk must be upright, as shown by the plumb,

On the level, to bourn whence no travelers come;

The book of your faith be the rule and the guide,

The compass your passions shut safely inside;

The stone which the Architect placed in your care

Must pass the strict test of His unerring square,

And then you will meet with approval divine,

And you'll be a Mason, O brother of mine.

DID YOU KNOW?

The Mad Emperor

Joshua Norton was born in England on February, 1819. He engaged in a number of business enterprises in Africa and migrated to San Francisco in 1849. He immediately entered the real estate business and accumulated considerable wealth. When he tried to corner the rice market, he lost the entire fortune. In order to cheer him up, his friends stated to call him "Emperor."

On September 15, 1859, he proclaimed himself Emperor of the United States. He donned a blue uniform with brass buttons, epaulets, and a military cap. Instead of having his head examined, everyone humored him because of his pleasant and cheerful disposition. He rode the street cars free, attended theaters without charge, and was supplied with the necessities of life by those around him. When he ran short of cash, he issued drafts on the Imperial Treasury. He issued Royal Proclamations designed to better the human race. On Sunday he always attended a church; he had no favorites and visited them all. Merchants and financiers consulted him on business matters and he apparently gave sound advice on these matters.

He was a member of Occidental Lodge of San Francisco and for a time lived in the Masonic Temple and issued some of his proclamations from there. He was given a Masonic funeral when he passed away on January 8, 1889. Fifty-four years later his grave was moved and a monument was erected over his new grave.

WHAT KIND OF MASON ARE YOU?

A lot of Masons are like wheelbarrows - no good unless pushed.

Some are like trailers - they have to be pulled.

Some are like kites - if you don't keep a string on them they fly away.

Some are like balloons - full of wind and ready to blow up.

Some are like footballs - you can't tell which way they will bounce.

And then, some are like a good watch - open face, pure gold, quietly busy and full of good works.

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

GLOSSARY – OBLONG SQUARE

A parallelogram, or four-sided figure, all of whose angles are equal, but two of whose sides are longer than the others.

This is the symbolic form of a Masonic Lodge, and it finds its prototype in many of the structures of our ancient brethren. The ark of Noah, the camp of the Israelites, the ark of the Covenant, the Tabernacle, and, lastly, the Temple of Solomon, were all oblong squares.

Encyclopedia of Freemasonry Part 2, Albert G. Mackey

QUOTE OF THE MONTH

"Give the brethren a chance to do something, anything, no matter how small or unimportant. A brother convinced that he is helpful is enthusiastic."

Carl H. Claudy