



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

Website: www.pa8thmasonic.com; Facebook: PA 8th Masonic District

Richard H. Bradbury, Sr. – District Deputy Grand Master

July 2020 – Special COVID-19 Edition

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)

JULY CALENDAR

This Newsletter is a Special Edition in order to present
upcoming information that has not been able to be
conveyed due to lodge meetings and visitations being
suspended.

Virtual Meetings Scheduled

July 13 8th Masonic District Summer School of Instruction

July 27 8th Masonic District Summer School of Instruction

The Summer School of Instruction provides Masonic
Education topics to our brethren. Contact your Worshipful
Master, Lodge Secretary or DDGM Bradbury for the link
to those meetings.

5TH ANNUAL CIGAR-B-QUE IS SCHEDULED

Looking for a place to relax outside and share great food,
cigars and conversation with your brothers? Well I have a
place for you!

The 5th Annual 8th Masonic District Cigar-B-Que is
scheduled for Sunday, September 27, 2020 from 4:00 pm-
8:00 pm at the Bucks County FOP Lodge Picnic Grounds
in Wycombe. The cost will remain at \$65.00/pp. The event
is open to all Masons, friends and family (male or female).
Net proceeds will benefit Masonic Charities.

Hiram and Solomon Cigars and Billy D's Bar-B-Q have
committed to provide the cigars and food again for the fifth
year running. We thank them for their continued support.

Ticket order forms will be posted on the district website or
they can be obtained from your Lodge Secretary. The
deadline for purchasing tickets is September 19, 2020.

NOTE: This event will be held providing the State and
Grand Lodge regulations permit such a gathering and the
guidelines at that time can be met.

TRANSITIONING INTO THE “GREEN PHASE”

On June 5, 2020, all 67 counties in the Commonwealth were
out of the red phase allowing Southeastern PA to move to
the yellow phase of the reopening plan. Per R.W. Grand
Master Thomas Gamon, IV, the lodges waited two weeks
following a status change before it takes effect. Therefore,
starting on June 19th, the lodges in the 8th Masonic District
began following the yellow phase guidelines. The counties
of the 8th Masonic District entered the Green Phase on June
26th, whereby we may resume all Masonic activities on July
10, 2020 under the conditions set forth for that phase.

As our Fraternity transitions from Yellow to Green, we will
start to see “a light at the end of the tunnel.” As excited as
we all are for these additional freedoms, we must remember
that we cannot allow ourselves to be lulled into a false sense
of security. As much as we all want to return to our lodge's
normal operations, meetings and activities, we must
continue to follow the governmental and Grand Lodge
regulations to safeguard our membership. It is ultimately the
responsibility of the Worshipful Master of your lodge to
ensure those regulations are followed.

As our Masonic meetings and activities are transitioning in
both the Yellow and/or Green Phase, and with the advice of
legal counsel; **EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY** by the
direction of the R. W. Grand Master, ALL members, visitors
and guests attending ANY AND ALL Masonic meetings
and/or events **MUST** complete the Lodge Member Release
Form as furnished by the Grand Lodge of PA. Failure to do
so will bar you from entering the building and lodge room.

In both phases it is imperative that a brother DOES NOT
attend a Masonic activity if he is, or thinks he may be,
experiencing any of the known COVID-19 symptoms: mild
to severe respiratory illness with cough, and shortness of
breath or difficulty breathing; or at least two of these
symptoms: fever, chills, repeated shaking with chills,
muscle pain, headache, sore throat, or a new loss of taste or
smell.

Please realize that lodge re-opening may be gradual as
Worshipful Masters navigate through all the guidelines and
restrictions to make sure the health and safety of lodge
members are properly protected. Remember he has to make
decisions for all the demographics in the lodge, not just your
preferences. Continue to support your Worshipful Master
during this unprecedented time. The last thing we want to
occur is a transition backward.

3RD ANNUAL MASONIC CHARITIES EASTERN SPORTING CLAYS EVENT

The 3rd Annual Sporting Clays Event will be held on Sunday, September 13, 2020 @ 8:30 am-5:00 pm at the Lehigh Valley Sporting Clays, Coplay, PA. The registration fee will be \$150.00/pp with breakfast and lunch included. Masonic membership is not required, all are welcome. Deadline to enter is July 18, 2020. Registration starts at 8:30 am with a 10:00 am start to the event. There will be a Chinese Auction, 50/50 raffle and more.

Shooters must provide their own ammunition. All proceeds benefit the Masonic Temple/Masonic Library and Museum of PA, a 503 (c) charity. Sponsors and Vendors are needed for the event. For information, contact Alan Beidel (717) 658-3477 or Jeff Wonderling (724) 396-8001.

A NEW SIGN IN FREEMASONRY

As we proceed into the re-opening phases there will be new procedures, restrictions on occupancy and distancing and you will also experience new signage in the lodge building. There will be signs informing of COVID-19 symptom and prevention techniques, signs to remind brothers of social distancing requirements as well as the need for masks and a new Lodge Building Release sign. By direction of the R.W. Grand Master, the building release sign will be posted at all entrances to lodge buildings and/or lodge rooms.

It states:

By your voluntary decision to enter the lodge building and/or participate in lodge (or other) activities, you conclusively assent and agree as follows:

I am aware of the hazards of the novel Coronavirus ("COVID-19") and am familiar with the centers for disease control ("CDC") guidelines regarding COVID-19.

I understand and agree that my entrance to the lodge building, and my attendance and participation in lodge (or other) activities, in any capacity, office, station or position, is absolutely and completely voluntary.

I agree to fully assume for myself and my heirs, successors and assigns all risks relating to COVID-19, including, without limitation, the risk of contracting or being infected with COVID-19, and absolutely, conclusively, completely and voluntarily release and hold harmless the lodge, the R.W. Grand Lodge of F. & A.M. of Pennsylvania, and their respective affiliates, members, managers, directors, officers, employees, agents and representatives from any and all claims, causes of action, injuries, damages or losses of any kind that may be caused in whole or in part by, arise from, or relate to any illness or death relating to or arising from COVID-19, whether or not caused by or related to my participation in lodge (or other) activities.

GLOSSARY - Tubal Cain

Tubal-Cain is a person mentioned in Hebrew Bible, in Genesis 4:22. He was a descendant of Cain, the son of Lamech and Zillah. He was the "forger of all instruments of bronze and iron" (ESV) or an "instructor of every artificer in brass and iron" (KJV). It is suggested that he "discovered the possibilities of cold forging native copper and meteoric iron"

Museum of Freemasonry, mof.org.au

BRANDYWINE BATTLEFIELD DEGREE

Join Kennet Lodge No. 475 and the Brothers of the 5th Masonic District on Saturday, October 10, 2020 @ 4:30 pm-10:00 pm for the 3rd Annual Brandywine Battlefield Degree. Brother George Washington's Bible will be on display during the event, courtesy of Fredericksburg Lodge No. 4, Virginia.

The event is open to Master Masons only. The cost for the event is \$40.00/pp (\$42.63 with fees) which includes a barbeque dinner, opportunity to have your picture taken with the Bible, a commemorative color ticket and a commemorative coin with the event details.

The event begins at 4:30 pm with tours of the Visitor Center and Washington's Headquarters for an additional cost of \$8.00. A Master Mason's Degree will be conferred promptly at 7:30 pm. Hiram and Solomon Cigars will be on location selling cigars for the Brethren to enjoy at an additional cost.

The event is rain or shine. Please bring your own form of seating for the degree. Contact Information: Eric Downs (610) 883-3507.

THIS MONTH IN HISTORY

July 17, 1744

At Marblehead, MA was born Bro. Elbridge Gerry, the man and Mason who was to become Governor of Massachusetts, member of the Continental Congress, a Signer of the Declaration of Independence, fifth Vice President of the US, and whose name became part of the English language – "gerrymander" – when he signed a redistricting bill while governor of Massachusetts. The records of his Lodge are missing but his friends and family recorded him as having been made a member of Philanthropic Lodge at Marblehead on November 23, 1814.

DID YOU KNOW?

The Invisible Lodge

In 1953 Brewerton H. Clarke, known better under his stage name Sir Felix Korim, founded the Invisible Lodge. Its purpose was to form "An Honorary Association of Masonic Magicians at Work, Under the Jurisdiction of the Known and Unknown worlds."

In actuality, the Invisible Lodge is not a lodge in the strictest sense. It is an International organization for professional, social and fraternal interaction of Freemasons who have as their vocation or avocation the art of magic. Though referred to as a Lodge it does not meet on a regular basis in the United States. It holds its meetings on a cooperative basis at major Magic Conventions...as different members of the group hold separate meetings in different parts of the country. For many years meetings of the Lodge were held only at midnight. The time of day now varies, since Convention schedules become tighter and tighter.

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