



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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August 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)

AUGUST 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.

5TH ANNUAL CIGAR-B-QUE IS NOW PENDING

The 5th Annual 8th Masonic District Cigar-B-Que scheduled
for Sunday, September 27, 2020 from 4:00 pm-8:00 pm is
pending at this time while a new venue is being located and
the logistics are attempted to be worked out..

The Executive Board of the Fraternal Order of Police
recently decided to suspend all rentals of their lodge picnic
grounds until 2021 due to the COVID-19 pandemic.
Therefore, an alternate site is being explored but will likely
require a large tent rental. This change of venue may require
an increase in the ticket price to defray those added
expenses. Notification of the event status and the final price
of tickets will be announced through the district social
media sites and a call-em-all as soon as it is determined.

BRANDYWINE BATTLEFIELD DEGREE POSTPONED

The Brandywine Battlefield Degree reported in last month's
District Newsletter has been canceled. The new date is
October 9, 2021. Additional information may be found online
at:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/brandywine-battlefield-degree-2021-tickets-83386514309>

QUOTE OF THE MONTH

Those who possess adequate spiritual and mental resources
will meet the heartaches or the happiness of each day with
courage, calmness and capacity.

Henry C. Clausen

NEWTOWN LODGE CO-HOSTING 3RD ANNUAL GOLF OUTING

Newtown Lodge No. 427 and the Valley of Philadelphia
Scottish Rite are hosting a golf outing in support of their
charities. The outing will be held on Tuesday September
22nd with registration at 8:30 am at the Five Ponds Golf Club
in Warminster. It is a shotgun/scramble start with an entry
fee of \$110.00 per golfer. Included in the fee are tee gifts,
coffee and donuts, beer and soda and a dinner buffet. Team
prizes will be given for first, second and third place finishes.
Individual prizes will be presented to the golfer for hole-in-
one(s), longest drive, closest to pin and the straightest drive.

Sponsorships are available if a brother or a lodge would like
to donate in that way. Sponsorships can also be made in
honor of or in memory of an individual. They are available
for \$500-Event Sponsor; \$250-Dinner Level Sponsor; \$100-
Hole Sponsor.

For additional information on registering or sponsorships,
please contact: George Lange (Newtown Lodge) 215-355-
2158 or Frank Weckenman (Valley of Phila.) 215-322-2289.

VALLEY OF ALLENTOWN HOSTING CIGARS AND STEAKS SOCIAL

The Valley of Allentown will host their 4th Annual Cigar
Social on Sunday, August 22, 2020 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM
(Rain or Shine). The cost is \$35.00 per person. The event
is open to Valley member and Masonic Brothers.

The price includes a Ribeye Steak Fry by Chef Skip, beer,
soda and water. Attendees will also receive two premium
cigars. Bring your own special spirits and a lawn chair and
enjoy the afternoon.

For information or a registration form, please visit their
website at www.valleyofallentown.com. The deadline for
registering is August 14th.

COVID-19 REMINDERS

Face masks are required for all Masonic meetings and
events. Member releases are required for all persons
entering the Masonic building.

Wash hands frequently and practice social distancing.

For those meetings inside, per State Law, a maximum of 25
people are permitted to attend.

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. 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. Deadline to enter was July 18, 2020. Contact Alan Beidel (717) 658-3477 or Jeff Wonderling (724) 396-8001 to check on possible entry.

DID YOU KNOW?

In 1790, Brother George Washington wrote a letter to King David Lodge No. 1 in Newport, Rhode Island. In part the letter read:

"... Being persuaded that a just application of the principles, on which the Masonic Fraternity is founded, must be promotive of private virtue and public prosperity, I shall always be happy to advance the interests of the Society, and to be considered by them as a deserving brother...."

These words are inscribed on a monument to Freemasonry and Washington in front of the state Capital in Indianapolis, Indiana.

THIS MONTH IN HISTORY

August 24, 1814

The British sacked Washington, DC and burned the White House. The cornerstone for the White House was laid by Washington on October 13th, 1792 (485 years to the day of the arrest of the Templars in France.). The trowel is in the replica room at the George Washington Masonic Memorial in Alexandria, VA.

August 5, 1884

Freemasons laid the cornerstone for the Statue of Liberty.

August 21, 1993

The "Friend to Friend Monument" was dedicated in the cemetery at Gettysburg, PA, by the Grand Lodge of Pa. This monument commemorates friendship between masons on opposite sides of the American Civil War.

MASONIC LAW

"All Preferment among Masons is grounded upon real Worth and personal merit only; that, so the Lords may be well served, and the Brethren not be put to Shame, nor the Royal Craft despis'd; Therefore no Master or Warden is chosen by Seniority, but for his Merit."

Anderson's Constitution of 1723

DEBTS

Bro. Benjamin Franklin had these things to say about debt.

He that goes a-borrowing goes a-sorrowing.

If you'd be wealthy, think more of saving than of getting.

Beware of small expenses: a leak will sink a great ship.

'Tis against some men's principle to pay interest, and it seems against others' interest to pay the principal.

Rather go to bed supperless than run into debt for a breakfast.

Spare and have is better than spend and crave.

It is hard for any empty sack to stand upright.

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

THE PLUMB LINE, A TEST OF VALUES

Twenty-four centuries before Speculative Freemasonry was born, the shepherd Amos, who taught during the reign of Jereboam II of the Kingdom Israel, held aloft the plumb-line as a teaching symbol. The meaning was the same then, as it is today: the plumb-line represents the standard of rectitude, justice, uprightness, and true manhood.

As such, it is one of the most impressive symbols of Freemasonry and stands pre-eminent in the Degree of Fellow Craft.

It is the symbol by which the value of the material interest of life must be gauged and by which the use of man's intelligence must be tried. The symbolism is so plain, that it does not need any profound philosophy to unfold it, neither is it necessary to search for it along geometrical lines.

It stands clear, simple and profound. It matters not whether the Freemason toils as a day laborer in the clay grounds between Succoth and Zeredetha, or stands as the exponent of the liberal arts and sciences. There is but one standard for King or subjects, rich or poor, educated or ignorant.

The plumb-line of moral rectitude must be applied to every walk in life.

(Source: The Philalethes, October, 2000, Emessay Notes August 2012)

FAMOUS FREEMASONS

Rob Morris was born in 1818, became a school teacher, but eventually became so absorbed with Freemasonry that he spent his full time as a Masonic author, editor, teacher, and lecturer. He eventually settled in Kentucky and served as Grand Master. He was probably the most famous Mason of his day. He organized and wrote the ritual of the Order of the Eastern Star. He departed this life in 1888.

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