



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

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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)

OCTOBER CALENDAR

- 05 Virtual 8th Masonic District School of Instruction -
Go To Meeting platform.
- 09 Doylestown Lodge Stated Meeting
- 14 Hermann-Humboldt Lodge Stated Meeting
- 14 Newtown Lodge Stated Meeting
- 19 Southampton Radiant Star Lodge Stated Mtg.
- 21 W.K. Bray Lodge Stated Meeting
- 31 Bristol Lodge Stated Meeting

Due to the COVID-19 impact on attendance and program speakers,
the programs for the stated meetings are not being listed since they
may no longer be accurate.

HAPPY AUTUMN EQUINOX – MEANING IN MASONRY

On the Equinox, everyone on the planet experienced 12 hours
of daylight and 12 hours of darkness...we are all equal on the
planet.

As Masons we seek the light coming from the East. We are
now between the two St. Johns: John the Baptist and John the
Evangelist in the solar year. We are back to the circumscribed
center...we hope all brethren are able to reflect on Equinox
and into the Autumn season about being Masons and keeping
it on the level in our dealings with all humans. Equinox, the
day the whole world is equal in the realm of the solar system
that we reside. As we go into the Fall season, the season of St.
Michael conquering the dragon, may we all find the strength
and the will forces to show our a Masonic way to others.

“Brave and True I will be like St. Michael. Each good deed
sets me free. Each kind word makes me strong. I will fight
for the right. I will conquer the wrong.”

Chico-Leland Stanford Masonic Lodge No. 111 Blog

Please Stay Safe and Healthy.

HOW ACTIVE IN THE FRATERNITY WERE OUR MASONIC PRESIDENTS?

We know which of the U.S. Presidents have been Masons
(see below), but how active were some of these Brethren in
their Lodges? Their Grand Lodges? Other Masonic bodies?
Gary A. Littlefield, Grand Historian of the Grand Lodge of
Connecticut, reported on his research of these questions:

Only two Presidents have held the office of Grand Master of
their Grand Lodges – Andrew Jackson of Tennessee and
Harry S. Truman of Missouri.

Two Presidents served as District Deputy Grand Masters –
James Buchanan of Pennsylvania and Truman.

Four were Worshipful Masters of their Lodges – George
Washington of Virginia, Jackson, Buchanan, and Truman.

Besides those who presided over their Lodges, two others
served in Lodge officer lines – James Garfield of Ohio and
James K. Polk of Tennessee and North Carolina.

Eight U.S. Presidents were Royal Arch Masons – Jackson,
Polk, Buchanan, Andrew Johnson of Tennessee, Garfield,
William McKinley and Warren Harding, both of Ohio, and
Truman.

Knights Templar among the Masonic Presidents included
Johnson, Garfield, McKinley, Harding, and Truman.

Those who were Scottish Rite Masons were Gerald R. Ford
of Michigan, Franklin D. Roosevelt of New York,
McKinley, Truman, Johnson, Garfield, and Harding. The
33rd Degree was conferred on Truman and Ford. Harding
was elected to receive the 33rd Degree but died before
receiving it.

*The Connecticut Freemason, July/August, 2012
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Ed. Note: Presidents known to be Masons include George
Washington, James Monroe, Andrew Jackson, James Polk, James
Buchanan, Andrew Johnson, James Garfield, William McKinley,
Theodore Roosevelt, William Howard Taft, Warren Harding,
Franklin Roosevelt, Harry Truman, and Gerald Ford.

In addition to those above, Lyndon B. Johnson was initiated into
the first degree of Freemasonry but did not advance any further and
did not become a full member of his lodge. Ronald Reagan was
made an honorary Freemason. As a youth, Bill Clinton was a
member of the Order of DeMolay.

THIS MONTH IN HISTORY

October 5, 1947

In the first televised White House address, President and Bro. Harry S Truman urged Americans to refrain from eating meat on Tuesdays and poultry on Sundays. His purpose was to help starving people in other countries.

October 14, 1912

Just after a gunman's bullet lodged in his chest during a campaign visit to Milwaukee, WI, Bro. Theodore (Teddy) Roosevelt stood for 80 minutes to deliver the message of his Progressive "Bull Moose" Party. "Friends," he said upon reaching the podium, "I shall ask you to be as quiet as possible. I don't know whether you fully understand that I have been shot. But, you see, it takes more than that to kill a Bull Moose. Bro. Roosevelt recovered, largely because the bullet was slowed by an overcoat, a glasses case, and a folded manuscript of his speech. Would-be assassin John Chrank was taken into custody. Bro. Roosevelt was raised at Matineck Lodge 806 at Oyster Bay, NY

DID YOU KNOW?

Freemasonry in the White House

James Hoban was the architect who designed and supervised the construction of the White House.

When the British destroyed this building during the War of 1812, he designed the one replacing it.

James Hoban was a Mason. He was probably present when the cornerstone was laid by Maryland Lodge No. 9 of Georgetown on October 13, 1792, with Masonic ceremony. He was also a devout Roman Catholic.

During President Truman's term of office it was necessary to rebuild the White House.

In 1952, while the work was in progress, Brother Truman discovered that some of the original stones contained traditional "Mason's marks". He directed that these stones be preserved and delegated the duty to Major General Harry H. Vaughan, Brother Renah F. Camalier, and the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia.

These stones were distributed to the Grand Lodges of the United States and to certain territories and foreign governments. On February 22, 1966, the last stone was presented to the George Washington National Masonic Memorial Association for display in the Temple on Shooter's Hill.

MASONIC PHILOSOPHY

On many occasions it has been said: "Nothing is permanent as change." Progress in all things demands change from time to time. Accordingly, if we are to progress we must make changes. In Freemasonry this means that we must utilize modern tools and adjust our programs to meet the present. It does not mean that we must change our basic beliefs or our philosophy of life because these elements have stood the test of time and cannot be changed.

Trestleboard Tidbits, MSA, Alphonse Cerza

PAYING YOUR DUES ON LINE IS NOW AN OPTION

Your lodge is setup to be able to receive dues payments online using a credit card. To make this payment, you must have a login to the membership system. If you do not have a login, please contact the lodge Secretary – he needs to have a current email address for you in order to create your login.

When the Secretary creates your login, you will receive an email from the membership system with a link that will take you to a web page where you can create a password for yourself. After creating a password, you can login to the system at:

<https://pamasons.force.com/community/login>

If you forget your password, you can go to that page and use the "Forgot Your Password?" link. Or you can contact the Secretary and ask him to reset your password.

Once you have logged in, you can pay your dues by clicking on the "My Dues" link in the top menu. The system will show you how much dues you owe. Click the "Pay Now" button (if you are a member of more than one lodge, there will be a button for each lodge that is setup to receive credit card payments). Click the "Next" button. Fill in your credit card information and click the "Process Now" button.

You will receive an email receipt of your payment. You can also go back to the "My Dues" page and print a receipt.

If you have any issues, contact your Lodge Secretary to assist in getting your problem corrected.

GLOSSARY

"Due" Does Make a Difference to a Mason

The word, "due", shows up in a number of Masonic expressions, such as "due form" and "due guard". Both express responsibilities of the officers and members of a Lodge and are admonishments as to their conduct.

According to Mackey's Encyclopedia, "due form" comes from the French expression, "en du forme", with the "du" coming from "devoir", of "to owe". In subordinate lodges, the officers and members "owe" it to their brothers to perform their actions properly and with attention to the established usages and customs.

The "due guard" is a mode of recognition referring to the act of duly guarding a member's obligations and in reminding him of a penalty should he violate such obligations. Mackey reports that this expression is not found in English or continental Masonry, and is fairly recent within the Americas.

In a similar manner, "due examination" is a test procedure in correct form, as prescribed by Masonic laws.

In addition, "due" is associated with direction and indicates what is "proper". When found on a map, "due east" is precisely east, with no variation north or south.

Thus, the expectation imparted with the word "due", is a strict adherence and effort toward Truth and Light.

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