



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

November 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)

NOVEMBER CALENDAR

- 02 8th Masonic District School of Instruction
- 11 Hermann-Humboldt Lodge Stated Meeting
- 11 Newtown Lodge Stated Meeting
- 13 Doylestown Lodge Stated Meeting
- 16 Southampton Radiant Star Lodge Stated Mtg.
- 18 W.K. Bray Lodge Stated Meeting
- 28 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.

CIGAR-B-QUE WAS ANOTHER SUCCESS

The 5th Annual District Cigar-B-Que was held on September 27th at the Lower Bucks Masonic Hall. Thanks to the Hall Association and Newtown Lodge, for providing the use of their grounds.

Thirty Masons, family and friends attended the event. Thanks to their generosity, we raised \$1,040.00 for Masonic Charities.

A “thank you” also goes out to our returning vendors:
Billy D’s Bar-B-Q & Catering, BillyDsBBQ.com
and

Hiram and Solomon Cigars, HiramandSolomonCigars.com
for their support all five years. They provided great food and cigars while the attendees enjoyed fellowship like we haven’t had for eight months.

From all reports, a good time was had by all!!

QUOTE OF THE MONTH

The soldier above all others prays for peace, for it is the soldier who must suffer and bear the deepest wounds and scars of war.

Brother Douglas MacArthur

DECEMBER QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION OF GRAND LODGE GOES VIRTUAL

GRAND LODGE OF FREE & ACCEPTED MASONS OF
PENNSYLVANIA

Philadelphia, PA, September 22, A.D. 2020, A.L. 6020

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE GRAND LODGE:

The December Quarterly Communication of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, F&AM will be conducted at 7:00 o’clock, p.m. on Wednesday, December 2, 2020. Due to the current situation and restrictions the Communication will be conducted virtually for which you are encouraged to view the streamed event from your location.

By Order of the R.W. Grand Master.

MASONS WHO WERE VETERANS

In honor of Veterans Day, November 11th, below is a list of famous Brothers who were United States Military Veterans. To all our brothers who have served this nation to protect us during wartime and peacetime...a heartfelt “Thank You”.

REVOLUTIONARY WAR: Gen. Ethan Allen; Gen. Henry Knox; Maj. Gen. Richard Montgomery; Admiral John Paul Jones

CIVIL WAR: Admiral David G. Farragut, USN; Gen. George B. McClellan; Maj. Gen. George E. Pickett (CSA)

WORLD WAR I: Gen. John Joseph “Blackjack” Pershing; Capt. Eddie Rickenbacker, USAF Flying Ace

WORLD WAR II: Gen. Henry “Hap” Arnold - Commander of the Army Air Force; Gen. Omar N. Bradley; Gen. Claire L. Chennault; Gen. James Doolittle, USAF; Admiral Ernest J. King, USN, Commander Pacific Theater; Gen. Douglas MacArthur – Allied Commander in the Pacific; Gen. George C. Marshall – Chairman Joint Chiefs of Staff; Audie Murphy; Gen. Matthew B. Ridgeway; Gen. Johnathon Wainwright-Survived Bataan Death March

ADDITIONAL MILITARY SERVICE: Gen. Daniel “Chappie” James, USAF; Gen. Curtis E. LeMay – USAF, Commander of Strategic Air Command; Admiral Robert E. Peary; Commodore Matthew Calbraith Perry, USN-War of 1812; Zebulon Pike – War of 1812, (discovered Pike’s Peak); Gen. Norman Schwartzkopf-Commander of Desert Storm

THIS MONTH IN HISTORY

November 23, 1830

Lucinda Pendleton-Morgan, the widow of William Morgan married George Washington Harris, a former member of Batavia Lodge who had been expelled from the lodge in 1826 for un-Masonic conduct.

November 10, 1483

The Augustan monk Martin Luther, a founder and leader of the Reformation and Protestantism, was born at Eisleban, Saxony. Luther tacked his 95 thesis on "the Power of Indulgences" to the door of Wittenberg's castle church on October 31, 1517, the eve of All Saints Day. These called for a reformation of the abuses by the Roman Catholic Church which got him excommunicated. He was known to have been a member of the "guild at Steinmetzen" in Germany, rumored to be then a Masonic Lodge in disguise. He died near his birthplace on February 18, 1546.

DID YOU KNOW?

The 1723 Constitution

In 1723 Brother James Anderson's Constitutions of the Freemasons appeared. It was purported to have been compiled from old Manuscripts and Records, many of which have doubtless been lost. Brother R.F. Gould calls attention to "three striking innovations" in the 1723 constitutions, to-wit: "It discards Christianity as the (only) religion of masonry, forbids the working of the Master's part in private lodges, and arbitrarily imposes on the English craft the use of two compound words, Entered Apprentice and Fellow Craft, which had no previous existence in its terminology" Brother Gould believed that at the formation of the grand lodge in 1717 it inherited from the time immemorial Masons only two degrees, and that the fell raft and Master Mason were one.

THE PAST MASTER'S JOB

It is written down in cryptic script,
the Master's Job and where he sits,
every thing for this or that...
when to stand or wear his hat!
In every form our lodge may open
he has a form, a word, a token.
The only problem I can find...
is when he's left the job behind.
And so we try with verse and rhyme to
form a guide for this troublesome time!

Support the Master of TODAY
and remember, YOUR gavel's been put away
Think of your favorite job in line
and fill that chair from time to time!
Whenever an empty chair appears...
fill it fast it brings good cheer.
Give good council when you're asked
help relieve the Master's task.

The only words we hate to hear:
THINGS SURE WERE DIFFERENT IN MY YEAR!

G. Naylor

REACH FOR THE CABLE TOW

"Years ago, I was sitting in my office quiet doing paperwork when my secretary burst in screaming that the trash dumpster behind our building was on fire. Without thinking, I jumped from my desk, grabbed the fire extinguisher off the wall outside my door and ran into the alley. I was instantly covered in soot from the burning trash. Flying cinders burned holes in my cotton shirt and singed my silk tie. I emptied the fire extinguisher in a matter of seconds with no discernable impact. At that moment I realized that what I was doing was not helping and I felt a bit foolish for my initial do-it-yourself reaction. I went back inside and sheepishly told my secretary to call the fire department. They came and in a matter of minutes and put out the fire (and recharged our fire extinguisher).

Freemasonry teaches us that we are bound by the limits of our cable tow. Each of us has limits that we cannot exceed. We must know what those limits are, and even while working to improve ourselves and build our skills, we must know what we can and cannot do at any given time and stay within those due bounds.

We are only responsible to perform the tasks that are within the reach of our cable tow, tasks that we are capable of doing well. We must not yield to the temptation of pride and claim that we can do everything alone without help. No man can do everything and there is no shame in asking for, and accepting help when it is needed.

Also, just as we are limited, we must recognize that every other person in our life has his or her limit as well. We must not ask others to do more than they can do. And, if another person needs our help because he cannot do something that we can, then we are happy to offer our aid as long as it is within the reach of our cable tow."

Making Good Men Better, Carl W. Davis, P.M.

GLOSSARY – LESSER LIGHTS

In the lecture of the First Degree we are told that a Lodge has three symbolic lesser lights; one of these is in the East, one in the West and one in the South. There is no light in the North, because King Solomon's Temple, of which every Lodge is a representation, was placed so far north of the ecliptic that the sun and moon, at their meridian height, could dart no rays into the northern part thereof. The North we therefore Masonically call a place of darkness.

This symbolic use of the three lesser lights is very old, being found in the earliest lectures of the last century.

The three lights, like the three principal officers and the three principal supports, refer undoubtedly, to the three stations of the sun - its rising in the East, its meridian in the South, and its setting in the West; and thus the symbolism of the Lodge, as typical of the world, continues to be preserved.

The custom prevalent in some localities, of placing the burning tapers, or three symbolic lesser lights, East, West and South near the altar, is sometimes changed so that these respective lights are burning on or beside the pedestals of the Master and his two Wardens at their several stations.

An Encyclopedia of Freemasonry and Its Kindred Sciences,
Albert G. Mackey, M.D., 33°