



# 8<sup>th</sup> 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*

April 2021

### 8th Masonic District School of Instruction

Frey Masonic Center at Masonic Village-Warminster  
850 Norristown Road, Warminster, PA

Meets Monthly on the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday at 7:30 pm  
Extra Meeting on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday – If Needed/Called with due  
and timely notice.  
(No Meetings in July and August)

### APRIL CALENDAR

- 05 8th Masonic District School of Instruction
- 09 Doylestown Lodge Stated Meeting  
*Program: Freemasonry in Israel*
- 14 Hermann-Humboldt Lodge Stated Meeting  
*Program: Masonic Funeral Service*
- 14 Newtown Lodge Stated Meeting  
*Program: Masons and the Law*
- 17 Sectional School of Instruction - CANCELED
- 19 Southampton Radiant Star Lodge Stated Meeting  
*Program: The Operatives*
- 21 W.K. Bray Lodge Stated Meeting  
*Program: Presentation of Past Master's  
Jewel/Installation of Worshipful Master*
- 24 Bristol Lodge Stated Meeting  
*Program: Jimmy Doolittle's Tokyo Raid*

### INDOOR GATHERINGS ATTENDANCE INCREASED

As of this writing, effective April 4, 2021, the Acting Secretary of the Pennsylvania Department of Health amended the mitigation requirements to allow for indoor gatherings from 15%, as set on March 1<sup>st</sup>, to 25% maximum occupancy. This increase for attendance is upon the conditions that masks are worn, six feet of social distancing can be maintained and the lodge's COVID-19 procedures policy is followed.

The lodges in the 8<sup>th</sup> Masonic District have adjusted their meetings to accommodate these increases. Hopefully the Department of Health will continue to increase the occupancy in the coming months as vaccines are available and the infection/hospitalization numbers decline.

Please do your part to help ensure the numbers continue to go down by practicing and encouraging others to follow the 3 "W"s: wear a mask, wash your hands and watch your distance while at gatherings.

### DISTRICT'S LODGE OFFICERS INSTALLED

As of last month, all six of the lodges in the 8<sup>th</sup> Masonic District have opened and the incoming lodge officers have been installed.

Congratulations to the newly installed Worshipful Masters, Wardens and the other elected officers. Thank you for your commitment to your lodges. Below are the Masters and Wardens in the District:

**Bristol Lodge No. 25:** Douglas E. Edge, Jr., WM; Zachary C. Peiffer, SW; Joseph P. Tolen, P.M., JW.

**Hermann-Humboldt Lodge No. 125:** Scott Wolfertz, P.M., WM; Michael F. Janoski, P.M., SW; Robert E. Starke, P.M., JW.

**Doylestown Lodge No. 245:** Matheu C. Wilson, P.M., WM; David G. Sherman, SW; Jordan T. Peterson, JW.

**W.K. Bray Lodge No. 410:** D. Andrew Gibbs, WM; Edward M. Schiesser, II, P.M., SW; Timothy J. Schultz, P.M., JW.

**Newtown Lodge No. 427:** Edmund A. Greenidge Jr., P.M., WM; John P. Sellani, SW; David Waselefsky, P.M., JW.

**Southampton Radiant Star Lodge No. 806:** David J. Kolmetzky, P.M., WM; Pasquale Succi, SW; Albert Harry Hughes, P.M., JW.

### MASONIC TEMPLE MUSEUM AND LIBRARY OFFERS SPEAKER SERIES

The Temple Museum and Library has scheduled a series of free presentations on assorted Masonic topics. Details can be found on their website: <https://pamasonictemple.org/events/>.

**April 24 @ 3:30 pm - 4:30 pm:** Freemasonry: A School of Leadership. Freemasonry's motto is "Making Good Men Better." At this presentation, learn how Freemasonry operationalizes this motto and instill leadership qualities in its members.

**May 15 @ 3:30 pm - 4:30 pm:** An Exec. Director's Look at the Masonic Temple. Hear from Masonic Library and Museum Executive Director Mike McKee on what it's like to lead at the Temple. He will take you through the daily maintenance operation and event management. Both will show and hold true to Masonic principles.

IF YOU HAVEN'T YET...PLEASE PAY YOUR DUES!

## THIS MONTH IN HISTORY

April 23, 1791

The 15th President of the United States, Bro. James Buchanan, was born at Gove Gap in Franklin County, PA. He was the only US President who never married and he served only one term in office, March 4 1857-March 3, 1861. Bro. Buchanan was initiated into Lodge No. 43, Lancaster, PA on December 11, 1816, passed and raised there January 24, 1817. On December 13, 1820 he was elected Junior Warden and on December 7, 1822, unanimously elected master. On December 27 of 1823 he became his district's first District Deputy Grand Master. He was exalted to the Royal Arch degree in Chapter No 42 in Lancaster, PA. When he died at Lancaster June 1, 1868, his Lodge on June 4 gave him a Masonic funeral that saw four thousand persons in attendance.

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### DID YOU KNOW? ORDER OF THE DESOMS

There are an incredible number of organizations allied to Freemasonry. One of the most unusual is the Order of Desoms. The Desoms, short for "Deaf Sons of Master Masons" was founded in Washington State in 1946. The order was open to any deaf male of good moral character who was related to a Master Mason. At this time in history, it wasn't uncommon for individuals with physical limitations to be excluded from fraternal organizations, especially those that dealt with insurance or death benefits. A group like the Desoms would have been very unique during its day! Sadly, it seems that the Order no longer exists.

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### GLOSSARY – MILITARY LODGES

Lodges established in an army. They are of an early date, having long existed in the British Army. In America, the first Lodge of this kind of which we have any record was one the Warrant for which was granted by the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, in 1738, to Abraham Savage, to be used in the expedition against Canada. A similar one was granted by the same authority, in 1756, to Richard Gridley, for the expedition against Crown Point. In both of these instances the Warrants were of a general character, and might rather be considered as deputations, as they authorized Savage and Gridley to congregate Masons into one or more Lodges. In 1779, the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania granted a Warrant to Col. Protector, of the artillery, to open a Military Lodge, which in the Warrant is called a "Movable Lodge." In the civil war in the United States between 1861 and 1865, many Military Lodges were established on both sides; but it is questionable whether they had a good effect. They met, certainly, with much opposition in many jurisdictions. In England, the system of Military Lodges is regulated by special provision of the Grand Lodge Constitution. They are strictly limited to the purposes for which Warrants were granted and no new Lodge can be established in a regiment without the concurrence of the commanding officer. They cannot make Masons of any but military men who have attained some rank in the army above that of a private soldier, although the latter may by dispensation be admitted as Serving Brethren; and they are strictly enjoined not to interfere with the Masonic jurisdiction of any country in which they may be stationed.

*Encyclopedia of Freemasonry Part 2, Albert G. Mackey*

## ASK! SEEK!! KNOCK!!!

ASK, and ye shall receive  
SEEK, ye shall surely find  
KNOCK, ye shall no resistance meet,  
If come with ready mind

For all that ASK, and ask aright,  
Are welcome to our Lodge to-night.  
Lay down the bow and spear  
Resign the sword and shield  
Forget the arts of warfare here,  
The arms of peace to wield

For all that SEEK, and seek aright,  
Are welcome to our Lodge to-night.  
Bring hither thoughts of peace  
Bring hither words of love  
Diffuse the pure and holy joy  
That cometh from above

For all that KNOCK, and knock aright,  
Are welcome to our Lodge to-night.  
ASK help of Him that's high  
SEEK grace of Him that's true  
KNOCK patiently, the hand is nigh,  
Will open unto you

For all that ASK, SEEK, KNOCK aright,  
Are welcome to our Lodge to-night.

Rob Morris

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### EDWARD JENNER (1749-1823)

Edward Jenner was an English physician who was a contributor to the development of the smallpox vaccine. The practice of vaccination was popularized by Jenner, and since then has been used ubiquitously to prevent several diseases. The terms *vaccine* and *vaccination* are derived from *Variolae vaccinae* (smallpox of the cow), the term devised by Jenner to denote cowpox. He used it in 1798 in the long title of his "*Inquiry into the Variolae vaccinae*" known as the 'Cow Pox', in which he described the protective effect of cowpox against smallpox.

Jenner is often called a pioneer of immunization. Using a method valid in immunology before the discovery of germ theory, his work saved many lives. In Jenner's time, smallpox killed around 10% of the British population, with the number as high as 20% in towns and cities where infection spread more easily. In 1921, he was appointed physician extraordinary to King George IV, and was also made Mayor of Berkeley and justice of the peace. In 2002, Jenner was named in the BBC's list of the *100 Greatest Britons*.

He was initiated into the Royal Lodge of Faith & Friendship No. 270, Berkeley, Gloucestershire on 30<sup>th</sup> December 1802 and served as Master 1812-1813. He was present at the ceremonial reception of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Gloucestershire, by Berkeley Masons in the summer of 1822.

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There are few who have courage enough to admit their faults or resolution enough to mend them. - Author Unknown