



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

September 2021

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 Stated Meetings in July and August)

SEPTEMBER CALENDAR

- 06 Labor Day
- 08 Hermann-Humboldt Lodge Stated Meeting
Program: Master Mason Degree-English
- 08 District DDGM Visitation - Newtown Lodge**
Program: Understanding Prostate Cancer
- 10 Doylestown Lodge Stated Meeting
Program: Financial Planning and Investments
- 11 Principal Seminar-Region 1 & 7**
Lehigh Lodge No. 326, Macungie, PA
- 13 8th Masonic District School of Instruction**
(2nd Monday) Frey Masonic Center-Warminster
- 15 W.K. Bray Lodge Stated Meeting
Program: Hiram Abiff
- 18 District DDGM Visitation - Bristol Lodge**
Program: Skull and Crossbones & Masonic Applications
- 19 6th Annual Cigar-B-Que District Event, Lower**
Bucks Masonic Hall (Newtown Lodge)
- 20 District DDGM Visitation - Southampton**
Radiant Star Lodge
Program: Past Master Night

Bold = Grand Lodge/District Events

GRAND VIEW SYSTEM DATABASE ONLINE

The new Grand Lodge database system, Grand View, is now live. Brothers will be able to go to their profile and update portions of it so the Lodge has your current information. It will also allow members to choose how they would like to be contacted: mail, text, phone and/or email.

According to Grand View *District Summary*, 66 % of our district members have email addresses in the system while 31% of cell phone numbers are present. Please contact your Lodge Secretary with your contact information so you can have the most options for receiving Lodge information.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR - 6TH ANNUAL DISTRICT CIGAR-B-QUE SCHEDULED

The 6th Annual Cigar-B-Que is scheduled for Sunday, September 19, 2021, 4 pm-8pm. The location will again be the Lower Bucks Masonic Hall (Newtown Lodge), Woodside, PA. This event is open to all Masons, family and friends. Attendees **MUST** be over 21 years of age.

Tickets are still \$65.00/pp for a minimum of three cigars from our friends at Hiram & Solomon Cigars, barbecue supplied by Billy-D's Bar-B-Que, tastings, beer and soda. Ticket forms are available on the District website or from your lodge secretary.

Deadline for tickets is September 12, 2021. For tickets or information, contact DDGM Rich Bradbury at DDGM08@pagrandlodge.org or phone/text 215-852-3532.

SCHOOL OF INSTRUCTION OPEN TO ENTERED APPRENTICE & FELLOWCRAFT MASONS

Beginning September 13th, Entered Apprentice and Fellowcraft Masons are welcome to attend the 8th District School of Instruction. In an effort to engage the newly entered Brothers, the School will offer Masonic Education, Mentoring Lessons as well as augmenting the lodge instruction of the oath and obligations, if requested.

If the work in the school's lodge room is of a degree already attained by the Brother, he may stay and be part of that instruction. Should the work be in a degree which he has yet to attain, he will retire to another area for education of a degree he has attained.

We hope that those brothers who are waiting for their next degree will take advantage of this opportunity for education and fellowship.

The 8th Masonic District School of Instruction location and time can be found above. We hope to see Brothers of all degrees there.

THE LOST SYMBOL COMING TO PEACOCK

The Lost Symbol, is an upcoming action-adventure television series based on Dan Brown's 2009 novel. The series features Ashley Zukerman as Robert Langdon, and will be available on Peacock streaming network. It is set to premiere on September 16, 2021.

THIS MONTH IN HISTORY

September 7, 1859

The first masonic funeral in British Columbia was held in Victoria for Brother Samuel Hazeltine a Government Steamboat Inspector, who died from injuries received in a marine accident at Victoria.

September 9, 1828

Leo Tolstoy was born on this day. His most famous novel, War and Peace would contain passages on Freemasonry.

An example follows: *"Yes, I belong to the Brotherhood of the Freemasons," said the stranger, looking deeper and deeper into Pierre's eyes. "And in their name and my own I hold out a brotherly hand to you."*

DID YOU KNOW?

Knoebel's Amusement Resort

Founded by the family of Pennsylvania Freemason Brother Richard Knoebel, Elysburg Masonic Lodge #349, Knoebels Amusement Resort in Elysburg is a popular spot for day trips, family vacations and Masonic picnics as America's largest free-admission park. The park celebrated its 95th birthday this year - on the same day as the United States, July 4th.

PA Academy of Masonic Knowledge Facebook Post, July 29, 2021

BRAM STOKER

Abraham "Bram" Stoker, and Irish author, was born on 8th November 1847 at 15 Marino Crescent, Clontarf, near Dublin. He is best known today for his 1897 Gothic horror novel, *Dracula*, the subject of countless films and similar vein stories. During his lifetime he was better known as the personal assistant of Shakespearean actor Sir Henry Irving and business manager of the Lyceum Theatre, which Irving owned. Henry Irving was also a Freemason and said to be the subject for *Dracula*. Stoker was well educated, attending Trinity College in the University of Dublin in 1864, reading mathematics and graduating with Honour in 1870. He began work as a Civil Servant at Dublin Castle. He also did unpaid work on the Dublin Evening Mail, writing theatrical reviews. After ten years in the Civil Service he took up the management of the Lyceum. He remained for nearly 30 years until shortly after Irving's death in 1905. Bram Stoker dies after several strokes, on 20th April, 1912 at 26 St. George's Square, Pimlico, London. He was cremated and his ashes placed in an urn at Golders Green Crematorium in North London,

Bram Stoker was initiated in the Buckingham and Chandos Lodge No. 1150 in February 1883, passed in April and Raised in June of the same year remaining a member for only six years without progressing in office. The Lodge was Constituted on 31st January 1867 and Consecrated on 28th February of that year. It is formed by Officers and Sergeants of the 1st Middlesex Artillery Volunteers. It is still meeting at Freemasons Hall, Great Queen Street, London.

Masonic Philatelic Club Magazine, July 2021

QUOTE OF THE MONTH

"The greatest lesson in life is to know that even fools are right sometimes."

Bro. Winston Churchill

CICERO AND FREEMASONRY

Our ancient brethren were well-read. The results of their reading and reflection found their way into both Blue Lodge and Scottish Rite degrees.

Casey A. Fletcher, currently Worshipful Master of Tuscan Lodge in Bartow, FL, an active member of the Scottish Rite Valley of Tampa, and a business executive in Florida, believes that the lessons and wisdom of the ancient sages are offered to Masons in theatrical, but scholarly fashion. Here are his thoughts, taken from an article in the Valley of Tampa newsletter from March-April 2020:

Marcus Cicero (106-43 BCE) is a likely source for masonic ideas, such as the four cardinal virtues, politics and ethics. He was the Roman equivalent of Plato, a man of philosophical learning, a brilliant writer and statesman. The Founders of our country admired him for his character and principled political life.

Beyond politics and philosophy, Cicero offers sage advice on matters of life. A good example is his work, "On Old Age." Unlike Plato, who wrote using abstractions and theories, Cicero used historical figures. "On Old Age" is a dialogue between Marcus Porcius Cato, Publius Cornelius Scipio and Laelius, in which Cato, and old man, schools the younger two on the merits of properly considering old age.

He encourages their search for wisdom, their continuous education, and their active participation in the life of their city. He also makes a case for the immortality of the soul. Cicero's advice to the young men may have found its way into our Masonic ritual and is well-summarized in the Master Mason lecture.

We can learn a lot by attending and participating in our degrees and by the frequent study of the ritual. We may never know who is really speaking to us – Cicero, Plato, Confucius, Aristotle, some Zen Master, Immanuel Kant, Edmund Burke or Solomon. The source of the great ideas, thought, and lessons is not so relevant.

What is important, as Cicero taught the young men, is that we continue to grow, learn and act so that, in old age, we may enjoy that "happy reflection consequent to a well-spent life."

^{The} *Emessay Notes*, September 2020, The Masonic Service Assoc. of North America

WHAT IS A MASON?

A MASON is a MAN and BROTHER whose TRUST is in God. He meets you on the LEVEL and acts upon the SQUARE. Truth is his COMPASS and he is ever PLUMB. He has a true GRIP on all that is RITE. He is loyal to his ORDER and whatever his DEGREE, he is MASTER of himself. In the LODGE of Life he wears unstained the white LAMB SKIN of Innocence. From his INITIATION as an ENTERED APPRENTICE he travels ever East toward the LIGHT of WISDOM until he receives the final – the DIVINE INEFFABLE PRESENCE OF THE ETERNAL SUPREME GRAND MASTER OF THE UNIVERSE.

GOD

Oscar A. DeLong, *Tied to Masonic Apron Strings*,
Stewart M.L. Pollard