



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

October 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)

OCTOBER CALENDAR

- 04 8th Masonic District School of Instruction**
Instruction: Election Process
- 08 Doylestown Lodge Stated Meeting**
Program – Remembrance: My 9/11 Experience,
Brother Moises I. Gomez, PM
- 13 Hermann-Humboldt Lodge Stated Meeting (EA)**
Program: Sohne Nacht (Father/Son Night)
- 13 Newtown Lodge Stated Meeting**
Program: Documents to Protect Our
Families/Ourselves
- 15 8th Masonic District-Extra Mtg. (if needed)**
- 16 Bristol Lodge Stated Meeting**
Program: TBA
- 18 Southampton Radiant Star Lodge Stated Mtg.**
Program: Oktoberfest/U.G.H. German Dancers
- 20 W.K. Bray Lodge Stated Meeting**
Program: Psychology of Decision Making/P.M.
Night
- 23 Academy of Masonic Knowledge- Tentative**
Masonic Village, Elizabethtown

Bold = Grand Lodge/District Events

6TH ANNUAL DISTRICT CIGAR-B-QUE WAS A SUCCESS!

The 6th Annual Cigar-B-Que was held on Sunday, September 19, 2021 at the Lower Bucks Masonic Hall (Newtown Lodge), Woodside, PA. This year we set a record in the number of attendees. 53 Masons and guests came out for a great day of fellowship and food.

Thanks to the generosity of those attending, over \$1,000.00 was raised for Masonic Charities. If you haven't enjoyed this District event in the past, we hope to see you out next year.

REMINDER-SCHOOL OF INSTRUCTION OPEN TO EAs and FCs

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.

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.

DELAY IN GRAND VIEW DATABASE

Some of the functions of the new Grand Lodge database program have yet to become active. One of those, at the time of this writing, is the use of a credit card to pay your dues. With the change of programs comes a change of the process to pay dues online. Therefore, we need to return to paying dues with a check until you hear from your lodge. Your 2022 dues are due by the beginning of the year. Please pay them on time.

The new Grand View program will have many functions that are driven by your email address and phone number. If your lodge secretary does not have your current email and/or phone, please contact him and provide them to him. Remember, the program is only as good as the information that it contains.

SCHOOL OF INSTRUCTION BY-LAWS UPDATED

The 8th Masonic District School of Instruction is updating their By-Laws regarding the dates and location of the meetings as well as to bring it into conformance with the Grand Lodge Model By-Laws. A copy of the By-Laws presented at the September meeting has been sent to the Lodge Secretary with a request to forward them to their membership. If you have not received a copy, please contact your Lodge Secretary to request one.

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 18, 1957

Spaghetti-western actor Wayde Preston starred in the ABC western "Colt .45" as Christopher Colt, son of Bro. Samuel Colt, inventor of the Colt .45, and a government agent.

Bro. Colt's first patent for revolving firearms was taken out in 1835 when he was only 21 years old. The various Colt revolvers that evolved played an important role in the westward expansion of the U.S. and have become part of the folklore of the "Wild West." Bro. Colt's Masonic activities were centered on Hartford, Ct. He was a member of St. John's Lodge No. 4 there, Pythagoras Chapter No. 17 (RAM), and Washington Commandery No. 1. He died January 10, 1862.

'GOD IS ALWAYS GEOMETRIZING'

"So said Plato twenty three centuries ago," wrote Carl H. Claudy, in his book *Introduction to Freemasonry* (1931), in a section titled, "The Letter G."

"It is merely an accident of the English language that God and Geometry begin with the same letter. No matter what the language of the ritual, the initial of the Ineffable Name and that of the first and noblest of sciences are Masonically the same. 'But that is a secret!' cries some newly initiated brother who has examined his printed monitor and finds that the ritual concerning the further significance of the Letter 'G' is represented only by stars.

"Aye, the ritual is secret, but the (meaning of 'G') is the most gloriously public that Freemasonry may herald to the world. One can no more keep secret the idea that God is the very warp and woof of Freemasonry than that He is the essence of all life. Take God out of Freemasonry, and there is, literally, nothing left; it is a pricked balloon, an empty vessel, a bubble which has burst."

Southern Calif. Research Lodge "Fraternal Review," May 2016

THE TRUE WAGES OF A VOLUNTEER

Thomas Dowman is a longtime Masonic volunteer at the Wisconsin Veterans Home and serves as the Masonic Service Association's Hospital Representative. He recently was awarded a certificate from Wisconsin Veterans Home Volunteer Service for 3,000 hours of time given to the Military Veterans there.

While the certificate is an honored, but routine acknowledgement, a line at the very bottom makes a thought-provoking point:

Volunteers are unpaid not because they are worthless, but because they are priceless!

Emessay Notes, Masonic Service Association, July 2016

FURNITURE OF A LODGE

The Bible, Square, and Compasses are technically said to constitute the *furniture of a Lodge*. They are respectively dedicated to God, the Master of the Lodge, and the Craft. Our English Brethren differ from those in the United States in their explanation of the furniture. Brother George Oliver gives their illustration, from the English lectures (in his *Landmarks* I, 169) as follows:

The Bible is said to derive from God to man in general, because the Almighty has been pleased to reveal more of His divine will by that holy book than by any other means. The Compasses, being the chief implement used in the construction of all architectural plans and designs, are assigned to the Grand Master in particular as emblems of his dignity, he being the chief head and ruler of the Craft. The Square is given to the whole Masonic body, because we are all obligated within it, and are consequently bound to act thereon.

But the lecture of the early part of the eighteenth century made the furniture consist of the Mosaic Pavement, Blazing Star, and the Indented Tarsel, while the Bible, Square, and Compasses were considered as additional furniture.

Encyclopedia of Freemasonry, Part I, Albert G. Mackey and H.L. Haywood

OLD MASTER'S WORDS TO THE YOUNG MASON

For Many years I've had the right,
To wear an apron made of white.
And it still fills me with delight
To see a Lodge perform a Rite.

For I remember Oh so well,
The Ancient legends they did tell.
Once I had knocked upon the door,
And knelt to pray upon the floor.

Examinations quite complete,
When approached the Master's seat.
And then I took an ancient vow,
Almost the same as it is now.

And then received my Badge of white,
Which marked a very special night.
My father and grandfathers too,
Were members of a Lodge of blue.

And when a kinsman gives to you,
The oath that all of us took too.
It means as much to him as you,
double bond between you two.

So we celebrate tonight,
That you have seen the Masonic Light,
And that your kinsman in the chair
Had such a chance extremely rare.

Congratulations I give you
And to the Brother, Master, too.

Landon Hendricks