



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

January 2022

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)

JANUARY CALENDAR

- 03** **8th Masonic District School of Instruction –**
Board of Governors' Meeting (Worshipful
Masters MUST attend, Wardens are encouraged
to attend)
- 12** Hermann-Humboldt Lodge Stated Meeting
- 12** Newtown Lodge Stated Meeting
Program: Intro to 2022/New Masons' Night
- 14** Doylestown Lodge Stated Meeting
*Program: 3D Printing Applications and
Demonstration*
- 15** Bristol Lodge Stated Meeting
Program: Masonic Clothing
- 20** W.K. Bray Lodge Stated Meeting
Program: A, B, C's of the Masonic Funeral Service
- 22** **LuLu Shriners Annual Masonic Breakfast,**
Plymouth Mtg., PA
- 24** Southampton Radiant Star Lodge Stated Mtg.
*Program: Bucks County Director of Veterans
Affairs*

LULU SHRINE ANNUAL MASONIC BREAKFAST SEATS STILL AVAILABLE

The 30th Annual breakfast honoring the R.W. Grand Master,
Bro. Jeffrey M. Wonderling will be held on January 22, 2021 at
10:00 am. The 8th Masonic District has a table of 10 for the
event. There are still seats available on a first come, first
reserved basis. If you are interested, the cost is \$15.00/pp.
Contact DDGM Bradbury to reserve your seat at the table. We
cannot accommodate walk-ins.

Happy New Year!

*Wishing you and yours a safe, happy and healthy
2022*

PA MASONIC YOUTH FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

Scholarships and grant opportunities are now available for
Pennsylvania Masons, their siblings, children, grandchildren
and members of the Masonic-related youth groups in PA.

Get all the details at www.pmyf.org (click "Scholarships"
tab) or contact Dave Berry, Assistant Executive Director, at
dwberry@pmyf.org or 800-266-8424, ext. 4.

Applications must be postmarked March 15, 2022.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR INCOMING WORSHIPFUL MASTERS

With the new Masonic Year, we congratulate the new and
returning Worshipful Masters who will be providing
leadership to their lodge:

Bristol Lodge No. 25 – Bro. Douglas Edge, P.M. ('21)
Hermann-Humboldt Lodge No. 125 – Bro. Scott Wolfertz,
P.M. ('20, '21)
Doylestown Lodge No. 245 – Bro. David G. Sherman
W.K. Bray Lodge No. 410 – Bro. Edward M. Schiesser, II,
P.M. ('02)
Newtown Lodge No. 427 – Bro. John Sellani
Southampton Radiant Star Lodge No. 806 – Bro. Pasquale
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They all have an exciting year planned and members are
encouraged to come out to your lodge meetings. See the
Calendar each month in the newsletter for the programs in
your lodge and for other lodges you may want to attend.

SCHOOL OF INSTRUCTION OFFICERS ELECTED FOR 2022

At the December School of Instruction, the following
officers were elected for this Masonic Year. Thank you for
your service to the District:

President – Bro. John P. Sellani, No. 427
1st Vice President – Bro. S. Arhipov, P.M., No. 806
2nd Vice President – Bro. D. Andrew Gibbs, P.M., No. 410
Secretary – Bro. Edward M. Schiesser, II, P.M., No. 410
Treasurer – Bro. Timothy Cagle, No. 427

Appointed by the Grand Master: Principal Instructor – Bro.
Kirk W. Borowski, P.M., No. 245

THIS MONTH IN HISTORY

January 20, 1801

Bro. John Marshall (1775-1835) was named Chief Justice of the United States Supreme Court, 1801-1835. He is credited with reshaping the court to become the final authority on questions of constitutionality. He was a member of Richmond Lodge 13, Richmond, VA.

January 20, 1936

Britain's King George V died making the successor to the throne the Prince of Wales who was to become Bro. Edward VIII. Bro. Edward reigned less than a year, abdicating the throne in order to marry American Mrs. Wallis Warfield Simpson. He then became the Duke of Windsor. He was Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge of England at the time of his succession to the throne.

DID YOU KNOW?

Wyoming Governors and Freemasonry

Between 1890 (when Wyoming became a state) and 1951 every Governor of that state was a Freemason, except one.

This single exception was Mrs. William A. Ross, who was the wife of a Mason, and she was a member of the Eastern Star.

NEW YEAR'S LEADERSHIP RESOLUTIONS

In Dr. John Maxwell's "The 21 Irrefutable Laws of Leadership" The Law of Navigation tells us that planning is an essential part of being an effective leader.

A navigational leader determines where his organization is (reality) and where it needs to go (vision). To communicate how to achieve the vision a good leader lays out a detailed plan which includes specific goals that contribute to achieving the plan. A complete plan will also include action steps that will define who will do what, what resources will be needed and when each step needs to be completed.

A lot of leaders get a plan done and then pat themselves on the back for developing a visionary plan for their organization. They may even create some positive momentum as the plan is initially implemented. But so many times the plan falls apart as the vision becomes obscured by following the path of least resistance; the organization follows old habits and executes what it has always done without the new vision in mind.

"Plans are only good intentions unless they immediately degenerate into hard work." – Peter Drucker

The plans are so like many personal New Year's resolutions made this time of year. When people vow to lose weight, stop smoking, eat healthy food, exercise more, etc. Many well intentional souls (including myself) create these plans and fail to execute because as Peter Drucker observed they are "...only good intentions."

If you intend to become a better Mason and leader in 2016 [sic], prepare yourself now for some hard work. Prepare to study, learn and change your habits. Assess your leadership capabilities and knowledge to find your strengths and weaknesses. Start to build on and practice your strengths. Begin building relationships with your Lodge Brothers and discuss your personal vision as well as your vision for

Masonry.

If you have a vision for your lodge and are developing a plan, build into your process a method to make sure the plan is executed. Assign responsibilities and empower those assigned so they can proceed without your constant direct intervention. A leader's job should be to remove obstacles that may stand in the way of a plan's success. Also a leader is constantly checking on progress and offering assistance if needed.

We all should make some New Year's Leadership Resolutions and continue to improve ourselves and Masonry. So as we look forward to a New Year let me remind you of some things we were first taught in Masonry because they should be constant resolutions for all of us as Masonic leaders:

In 2016 [sic] I resolve to ever keep in mind the three great duties I assumed when I became a Mason; to my God, to my neighbor and myself.

I will refer to my God with reverence and ask for his aid in all my undertakings.

I will act upon the square and do unto my neighbor as I would have him do unto me.

I will remember the lesson of the compass and avoid every irregularity and intemperance which may impair my faculties or debase the dignity of my profession.

By reminding myself of these things daily I will become a better man, a better Mason and a better Leader.

MasonsLeadBetter.com, 2016

LOOKING FOR A GOOD BOOK? THESE TITLES MAY BE A GOOD START

Newly made Masons often ask what books they should read to expand their Masonic knowledge. The following books provide basic information and should be considered for those on their Masonic journey and/or starting a Masonic Library.

The Exemplar, William Carpenter, (a revised digital version is on Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania website)
A Pennsylvania Masonic Handbook, Robert E. Burt
*A Guide to Modern Freemasonry**, Robert E. Burt
*The Craft and Its Symbols**, Allen E Roberts
The Masonic Temple in Pennsylvania
The Master Builders, (Set of 3 books), Wayne A. Huss
*Freemasonry for Dummies**, Christopher Hodapp

These and many other books on Freemasonry can be purchased in the Masonic Temple Gift Shop and/or online through the Grand Lodge website.

* Not specifically Pennsylvania Freemasonry

CHOP HIM DOWN TO SIZE

Visiting a small country lodge in Vermont, the brother from a large lodge in Boston was listing the important men who belonged to his lodge. "Have any big men been born around here," he asked. "Nope, Brother," was the reply. "Best we can do is babies. Different in Boston, I reckon!"

Tied to Masonic Apron Strings. Stewart M.L. Pollard