



# 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*

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### 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 3rd Friday – If Needed/Called with due  
and timely notice.  
(No Meetings in July and August)

#### APRIL CALENDAR

- 02**     **Regional Mentor Workshop**, Norristown Lodge
- 04**     **8th Masonic District School of Instruction**
- 08**     Doylestown Lodge Stated Meeting  
          *Program: Origin of the Lewis Jewel*
- 09**     **Regional School of Instruction**, Masonic Temple,  
          Philadelphia
- 13**     Hermann-Humboldt Stated Meeting  
          *Program: TBA*
- 13**     Newtown Lodge Stated Meeting  
          *Program: The Importance of Mentoring and Best  
          Practices for learning the Ritual.*
- 16**     Bristol Lodge Stated Meeting  
          *Program: Brother Rudyard Kipling*
- 18**     **Southampton Radiant Star Lodge DDGM Official  
          Visitation**  
          *Program: Scottish Rite Masonry*
- 20**     W.K. Bray Lodge Stated Meeting  
          *Program: Things That Aren't There Now*

### NEWTOWN LODGE BLOOD DRIVE

\*\*\*CANCELED\*\*\*

Newtown Lodge was planning to host a blood drive on April 11, 2022. It has been canceled due to scheduling issues with the American Red Cross. The lodge is working on re-scheduling the event and the new date will be announced when confirmed.

In the meantime, there is still a shortage. Please go to the Red Cross website: [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org) for alternative locations, dates and times where you can donate.

Remember that all Pennsylvania Masons are eligible for membership in the Masonic Blood+Organ Donor Program. To learn more about the program and how to become a member, I would encourage you to visit their website: <https://masonicbloodandorgandonors.org>

### MASONIC ETIQUETE

Masonic Etiquette is simply having respect for the Fraternity, your lodge, the members, its officers and yourself. Since it is rarely ever discussed, some clarity needs to be provided as it is evident that some brothers are not familiar with Masonic Etiquette and/or Masonic Law. In future newsletters other examples of etiquette will be presented; but below are some of the more frequent errors:

When a brother is dressed in a tuxedo, the tuxedo shirts are to be a plain or pleated front white shirt (no ruffles) and plain collar (no wing collars). Gloves are to be plain white with no embroidery or insignias. Black socks are required to be worn with the tuxedo.

Unless it is specifically announced on a registration announcement, all Grand Lodge functions and sponsored functions require Masonic Dress, especially when held at the Masonic Temple. Masonic Dress is a sport coat and slacks or suit, a dress shirt, tie and shoes,

Some training events and District Schools of Instructions may ease the requirement of Masonic Dress to "business casual"; which consists of a collared shirt, slacks or khaki pants and shoes; a sport jacket being optional. At no time are t-shirts, flannel shirts, jeans, shorts, sneakers or sandals appropriate at a Masonic function, except possibly a picnic. If a brother has a medical issue requiring some clothing alternative, it should be brought to the attention of the Worshipful Master and the item substituted should be as close to the requirements as possible; i.e., a black sneaker vs white or colored sneakers.

When a prayer is offered, the brothers are to rise and assume the attitude of prayer position. This is done with your arms brought forward and your hands folded right over left.

When speaking to the Worshipful Master, you will rise, throw the appropriate sign, be recognized and state your message. Upon the conclusion of speaking, you will take your seat without throwing any sign again.

Additional detailed information on Masonic Dress can be found in the Ahiman Rezon and Digest of Decisions.

Have you paid your 2022 dues?  
If not, please remit them to the lodge  
immediately!

## THIS MONTH IN HISTORY

**April 10, 1794**

Born in Kingston, R.I. was Bro. Matthew Calbraith Perry, Commodore of the US Navy, negotiator of the first treaty between the US and Japan (March 31, 1854), its first contact with western powers. The treaty gave the US trading rights at two Japanese ports. In 1837, he commanded the first naval steamships, earning him the title of "Father of the Steam Navy." Bro., Perry became a member of Holland Lodge No. 8 in New York City in 1819. He died March 4, 1858.

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### IF YOU APPRECIATE PUNS...

A candidate for initiation was to be picked up and driven to the Lodge, but before this could happen, the car broke down. The candidate said, as it was no great distance, he would go on his bicycle.

Just when he reached the top of the hill his chain broke. As the lodge was at the bottom of the other side, all he needed was a backpedal brake. So, he repaired the chain with a cord he had in his pocket and free-wheeled downhill to the lodge.

Later that evening, in reply to a toast in his honor, he said how proud he was to be a Freemason but could not understand, as he told no one, how the Master knew that he had come on his own free wheel and a cord!

*Emessay Notes, Masonic Service Association, April, 2013*

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### AN EDITORIAL ON RITUAL FROM AN IOWA BROTHER

Recently we conferred a Third and a First Degree here at Black Hawk Lodge. All the degrees we do have are awesome to watch and participate in. They give us a sense of accomplishment, candidate and officer/participant alike.

Ritual is a great thing. It shows the candidate/brother that we try our hardest to show him the story of our great fraternity. It shows him the passion we have for it. I would like to think that it imposes a bit of wanting in him also. Wanting to learn it for himself. Wanting to be able to perform what he just witnessed and was part of.

It was a while ago, but I remember the proud moment when I was asked to arise and salute the Wardens as a Mason. The first time I was called Brother was emotional also. The person taking our obligations is excited, nervous, anticipating what is next at every degree. We try to instill a feeling of peace, but for all of us that have gone through it, it doesn't happen.

Remember back on your degrees. Remember the electricity in the air around you. Remember who was there when you completed the Third Degree. Was there family? Maybe your father? Friends? A few fellas from the neighborhood you had known since you were kids? Remember how appreciative you felt when you saw all those people. I would like to ask all of you reading this to consider going to degrees. Sit in the stands and when the moment comes, help the Worshipful Master bring our brother from darkness to light.

Brother Tim Butler, *The Light*, Black Hawk Lodge No. 65, Cedar Falls, Iowa, June 2014

## GLOSSARY – SETTING MAUL

A wooden hammer used by Operative Masons to "set" the stones in their proper positions. It is in Speculative Masonry a symbol, in the third degree, reminding us of the death of the builder of the Temple, which is said to have been effected by this instrument. In some Lodges it is very improperly used by the Master as his gavel from which it totally differs in form and in symbolic signification. The gavel is a symbol of order and decorum, the setting-maul of death by violence.

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

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### LODGE SPRING CLEANING CHECKLIST

The days are steadily growing longer, much of the ground has thawed and the familiar sounds of spring have begun to fill the air. Looking ahead towards the warm embrace of the summer, spring is the perfect time to pause and consider how we can all freshen up our Lodges in the spirit of spring cleaning season.

Below is a quick spring cleaning checklist to help guide you and your Brothers as you begin sprucing up your Lodge.

- Clean up the entrance to your Lodge, including front hall or front windows.
- Remove unused items that are cluttering up the foyer and common area to make it more inviting
- Consider adding some new plants, flowers, or Masonic decor to the front of the Lodge to make it more inviting
- Inventory, clean and/or replace candidate outfits
- Make sure preparation rooms will inspire new candidates and get them ready for their upcoming degree
- Take inventory on any printed materials or resources you may have at the Lodge and ensure they are up to date
- Spruce up the bathrooms by ensuring floors, stalls and sinks are cleaned and restocked with fresh rolls of toilet paper, paper towels and hand soap
- Clean up the Lodge room by vacuuming any carpeting, wipe down and dust chairs, tables, pictures, plaques, lamps and any other furniture in the space

Portions were taken from The Grand Lodge of Ohio, F. & A.M.

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### QUOTE OF THE MONTH

"Brotherly love is not a tangible commodity. We cannot touch it or weigh it, smell it or taste it. Yet it is a reality; it can be creative, it can be fostered, it can be made a dynamic power. The Master who has it in his Lodge and his brethren will find that Lodge and brethren give it back to him. The Master too worried over the cares of his office to express friendliness need never wonder why his Lodge seems too cold to his effort."

-Carl H. Claudy

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### DID YOU KNOW?

Where the Hiram Legend really came from no one knows. Hiram is mentioned in the Bible in I Kings and II Chronicles, stories written 700 years apart. He was also mentioned in the Cooke Manuscript of 1410.

Louis L. Williams, *Trestleboard Tidbits*, MSA