



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

May 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)

MAY CALENDAR

- 02 8th Masonic District School of Instruction
- 11 Hermann-Humboldt Lodge DDGM Official Visit
- 11 Newtown Lodge Stated Meeting
Program: Martha Washington (1st Degree)
- 13 Doylestown Lodge Stated Meeting (Dispensation)
Masonic Temple, Philadelphia
Program: Tour of the Masonic Temple
- 14 Bristol Lodge Stated Meeting
Program: Nat'l Sojourners-Building the Flag
- 16 Southampton-Radiant Star Lodge Stated Meeting
Program: Masonic Blood & Organ Program
- 18 W.K. Bray Lodge Stated Meeting
Program: VFW Post 175-Local Men Who Served in Vietnam

5th ANNUAL NEWTOWN LODGE GOLF CLASSIC

Mark your calendars...Newtown Lodge will be hosting their golf outing on Tuesday, September 20, 2022, 8:30am at Five Pond Golf Club, Warminster, PA. The event will be a shotgun start. The entry fee is \$110 per golfer which includes: Greens Fee and Cart, tee gifts, coffee & donuts, dinner buffet, beer/soda and event program. Event and Hole Sponsorships are available.

For additional information and details, contact Brother George Lange, 215-355-2158.

MEMORIAL DAY PARADE & PANCAKES

Before enjoying the Doylestown Memorial Day Parade (the oldest one in the country) how about breakfast? Doylestown Masonic Lodge, 55 E. State Street, is hosting their Annual "All You Can Eat" Pancake Breakfast on Monday, May 30th, 7:00 am to Noon. Price is \$7.00; Children under 10 yrs-\$3.00, under 6 yrs.-Free. Tickets available at the door.

The parade starts at 10:00 am. Contact the Lodge for more information.

SAVE THE DATE

7TH ANNUAL MASONIC DISTRICT 8 CIGAR-B-QUE

Please mark your calendars...7th Annual Masonic District 8 Cigar-B-Que is scheduled for Sunday, September 18th from 4:00 pm-8:00 pm at the Lower Bucks Masonic Hall (Newtown Lodge), Edgewood Road, Yardley, PA. Details will follow. We look forward to seeing you this year!

DOYLESTOWN LODGE BLOOD DRIVE SCHEDULED

Doylestown Lodge will be hosting an American Red Cross Blood Drive on Wednesday, May 18th, 2:00 pm-7:00 pm at the lodge, 55 East State Street, Doylestown. Registration can be completed on the American Red Cross website www.redcrossblood.org

As reported in previous emails, 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, visit their website <https://masonicbloodandorgandonors.org>

CONGRATULATIONS AND THANKS TO OUR DISTRICT DEGREE TEAM

The Sectional Meeting of the nine Region 1 Schools of Instruction was held on Saturday, April 9th at the Masonic Temple, Phila. Grand Lodge Ritualistic Instructors provided ritual instruction and corrected errors on the work presented in the three degrees and Business. Our School of Instruction was assigned to exemplify the Entered Apprentice Degree.

The 8th Masonic District had 18 brothers present at this event consisting of the degree team and supporters. Congratulations to the team for providing an excellent presentation of the first degree! Thanks goes out to all who took part both on the floor and the sidelines to make this a great experience and one the district could be proud of. Special thanks to the 8th Masonic District School of Instruction Principal, Bro. Kirk W. Borowski, P.M. for assembling the team and providing instruction leading up to this meeting. Brothers in attendance who enjoyed the educational experience and fellowship that the meeting had to offer were from Doylestown Lodge, Newtown Lodge and W.K. Bray Lodge.

THIS MONTH IN HISTORY

May 8, 1792

Bro. and President George Washington signed an act that authorized the mint of the first U.S. copper coins. Individuals involved in using coins other than the legal cents and half-cents would be penalized with a \$10 fine. These coins were the predecessors of today's pennies.

May 23, 1785

In a letter to a friend, Benjamin Franklin revealed his most recent invention: spectacles of two thicknesses. Franklin needed special glasses that allowed him to see near and far. To solve the problem, he had two pairs of spectacles cut in half; he put half of each lens in a single frame, and the first bifocals were born.

A GOOD STORY OF 'INTEGRITY'

Joseph R. Conway, Past Grand Master and Past Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, likes to tell this story about the concept of "integrity."

Pulling into my service station 45 minutes late one morning, I shouted to the customers, "I'll turn the pumps on right away!" What I didn't know was that the night crew had let them on all night. But by the time I got to the office most of the cars had filled up and driven off. Only one customer stayed to pay. My heart sank. Then the customer pulled a wad of cash from his pocket and handed it to me. "We kept passing the money to the last guy," he said. "We figured you'd show up sooner or later."

Emessay Notes, Masonic Service Association, June 2016

MOTHER LODGE

In Great Britain, the term 'mother lodge' is used to identify the particular Lodge where the individual was first "made a Mason" (i.e. received his Entered Apprentice degree).

'Mother lodge' may also refer to a lodge which sponsors the creation of a new lodge, the daughter lodge, to be warranted under the jurisdiction of the same grand lodge; specific procedures pertaining to this vary throughout history and in different jurisdictions. Lodge Mother Kilwinning No 0 in the Grand Lodge of Scotland is known as the Mother Lodge of Scotland, having been referred to in the Schaw Statutes of 1598 and 1599, and having itself warranted other lodges at a time when it did not subscribe to a grand lodge.

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QUOTE OF THE MONTH

"Work while it is called today, for you know not how much you may be hindered tomorrow. One today is worth two tomorrows; never leave that till tomorrow which you can do today."

Bro. Benjamin Franklin

GLOSSARY-LEFT-HAND CORNER TUCKED UP

Operative masons (fellow craftsmen) tucked up the left hand corner of their aprons to form a pocket for tools.

The Exemplar, RW Grand Lodge of PA, 1985

DID YOU KNOW?

SOME PRESIDENTIAL/VICE PRESIDENTIAL TRIVIA

Franklin D. Roosevelt unexpectedly died April 12, 1945 and his Vice President, Harry S. Truman, succeeded him to the presidency. When Harry Truman took the Oath of Office three years later, on June 20, 1949, as the 33rd President of the United States, there was additional historical significance.

At that inauguration, four of the members of the 81st Congress in attendance would later become President-John F. Kennedy, Lyndon B. Johnson, Richard M. Nixon, and Gerald R. Ford. Three of them (Johnson, Nixon and Ford) would, like Truman, first serve as Vice President.

Of those names mentioned, Roosevelt, Truman, Johnson (EA only), and Ford were Masons.

This information was compiled by Albert R. Anness, a resident of the Indiana Masonic Home.

Indiana Freemason, Winter 2013

MASONIC ETIQUETE

In an effort to provide Masonic Education, we will continue to present points of Masonic Etiquette which may be new to some and reminders to others.

Walking between the altar and the Worshipful Master: Brethren do not pass between the Altar and the East when the lodge is open.

Why? As a courtesy to the Master, it is necessary that the three Great Lights which shine their eternal light and wisdom upon the master to help him govern the lodge should never be in shadow.

Sitting in the East: Brethren do not take a seat in the East without an invitation...even if all other seats are full.

Why? While all Brethren within a tiled room are equal to one another and the officers are servants of the brethren, all lodge officers have worked and studied long and hard for their lodge. It is, therefore, the Master's prerogative to recognize this devotion and their loyalty by inviting distinguished visitors or a special member whom the Master wishes to honor to sit with him in the East. In other words, if you were in church, synagogue or mosque and the pews were full, would you go up and sit beside the Pastor, Rabbi or Imam?

Always fully dressed: Brethren do not enter their Lodge room either without their apron nor while putting on that apron...not even the tying of its strings.

Why? In respect to the formalities of their Lodge, officers expect that the Brethren will have the courtesy to enter it fully dressed and ready for the labor. They should not have to wait for a member to be fully "dressed", even just tying or adjusting their apron, to salute that member. It is expected that you will be properly and entirely dressed when you pass by the Tyler to enter your lodge room.

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Please remember those service members who gave their lives for our Country on this Memorial Day!