



# 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

Website: [www.pa8thmasonic.com](http://www.pa8thmasonic.com); Facebook: PA 8<sup>th</sup> Masonic District

*Richard H. Bradbury, Sr. – District Deputy Grand Master*

June 2022

### 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)

### JUNE CALENDAR

- 06 **8th Masonic District School of Instruction**  
**Frey Masonic Center, Warminster**
- 08 **Hermann-Humboldt Lodge DDGM Official Visit**  
08 Newtown Lodge Stated Meeting  
*Program: Honoring Our Flag/Benjamin Franklin*
- 10 Doylestown Lodge Stated Meeting  
*Program: Freemasonry in India*
- 11 **Quarterly Communication, Johnstown, PA**  
11 Bristol Lodge Stated Meeting  
*Program: Knights Templar and Famous Templar Battles*
- 15 W.K. Bray Lodge Stated Meeting  
*Program: Founding of the Order of DeMolay*
- 20 Southampton Radiant Star Lodge Stated Meeting  
*Program: The Pledge of Allegiance*

### JULY CALENDAR

**12 & 26 Summer School of Instruction, Frey Masonic Center, Warminster**

### **MOVIES UNDER THE STARS RETURNS!**

Newtown Lodge No. 427 is proud to again be hosting Movies Under the Stars. The two movie offerings this year will be:

July 2<sup>nd</sup> – Tangled      July 30<sup>th</sup> – Moana

Movies start at dusk. Admission is free. Refreshments are available on a voluntary donation basis. Bring your own blanket/lawn chairs for seating. This is open to the community.

Newtown Lodge is located at the Lower Bucks Masonic Hall, corner of Edgewood and Heacock Roads, Woodside, PA.

This is a great opportunity for Masonic and Non-Masonic families to come out and enjoy a movie in the open air on a summer evening. For additional information, contact Brother Chuck Simon, P.M. [papachuck5@comcast.net](mailto:papachuck5@comcast.net).

### 7<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL DISTRICT CIGAR-B-QUE SCHEDULED

You are invited to the 7th Annual Masonic District 8 Cigar-B-Que scheduled for Sunday, September 18, 2022, 4 pm-8pm. The location will again be the Lower Bucks Masonic Hall (Newtown Lodge), Woodside, PA. To date, donations to Masonic Charities from the net proceeds of this annual event have totalled over \$6,000.00.

Tickets are \$75.00/pp for four 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. This event is a great fellowship opportunity and is open to all Masons, non-Masons, family and friends. Attendees MUST be over 21 years of age.

Deadline for tickets is September 11, 2022. For tickets or information, contact DDGM Bro. Rich Bradbury at [DDGM08@pagrandlodge.org](mailto:DDGM08@pagrandlodge.org) or phone/text 215-852-3532.

### 5<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL NEWTOWN LODGE GOLF CLASSIC GOLFERS AND SPONSORS WANTED

Make your reservations...Newtown Lodge No. 427 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. Prizes will be awarded for: Closest to the Pin, Longest Drive and Team Low Gross Scores, 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Place.

To make all this a great success, Sponsors/Advertisers and Donors of \$100, \$250 or \$500 are available and would be welcomed to insure the success of the event. Sponsorships can be also made in honor of or in memory of an individual. Sponsorship payments are due by August 25, 2022.

There will be a golf outing booklet for every golfer on the day of the event. All sponsors and donors will be listed in the booklet by means of an insert as well as advertisers as noted on the application. We look forward to your participation.

If you and/or your business or organization would like to participate by being a sponsor or for additional information and details, contact Brother George Lange, 215-355-2158.

## THIS MONTH IN HISTORY

June 11, 1776

The Continental Congress formed a committee to draft a Declaration of Independence from Britain. Named to the committee were Virginian Thomas Jefferson, John Adams of Massachusetts; Bro. Benjamin Franklin, Pennsylvania Bro. Robert Livingston of New York, and Bro. Roger Sherman of Massachusetts. James Smith, a Dubliner and George Taylor from Belfast were both Delegates from Pennsylvania, and Matthew Thornton, from Dublin, represented New Hampshire. Jefferson is credited with the writing.

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### IS A GRADUATE'S 'MORTARBOARD' HAT A TRADITION DATING TO OPERATIVE MASONS?

The meaning behind wearing a mortarboard hat at graduation" slipped through the cracks and was lost over the generations," according to Russel Herner in his book, *"Cathedrals Built By The Masons."*

In the book he describes many customs and traditions of Operative Masonry. He notes that a skullcap was a small brimless cloth cap typically worn in the ancient stonemason's day. Taken together, the mortarboard (a flat, square piece of wood on which the stonemason placed his wet mortar) and the skull cap look remarkably similar to the modern graduation cap. What if the modern graduation cap came into being as the result of medieval Master Masons graduating from apprenticeship schools? Brother Herner suggests this possible scenario:

*"Let's crown Reg 'King of the Master Masons' with a king's crown." Said one of the guests.*

*"No, we can't do that. He's not a king."*

*"Well then let's crown him with his own mason's mortarboard and use it as a crown of our craft and authority"*

*So the old mortarboard was washed and tacked to Reg's skullcap and placed upside down on his head. "King of the Master Masons!" they all cheered and toasted their drinks to him in celebration.*

Could such a ceremony have led to a tradition among other apprenticeship schools? Over time, Brother Herner writes, colleges and universities may have embellished the mortarboard hats with modifications and decorations, such as tassels and colors. "I believe the origin of this age-old tradition of wearing a mortarboard hat at graduation ceremonies has been rediscovered," he said.

*Emessay Notes, August 2015, The Masonic Service Association*

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### QUOTE OF THE MONTH

I violate no secret when I say that one of the greatest values in Masonry is that it affords an opportunity for men of all walks of life to meet on common ground where all men are equal and have one common interest.

Theodore Roosevelt

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*Happy Father's Day to All our Masonic Dads!*

## DID YOU KNOW?

### A Full Masonic Name

Hiram Abiff Boaz was born on December 18, 1866, at Murray, Kentucky. He moved to Texas at an early age. In 1891 he was ordained a Methodist minister and in 1922 he was elected a Bishop of the church.

He became a member of Granger Lodge No. 677 of Texas. When he received his third degree, a large number of brothers attended because of the unusual name of the new member. He served as Grand Chaplain of Texas in 1953.

This brother had many interesting experiences connected with his name. He never tired of telling of the time he was traveling in the Holy Land and arrived at a Mosque in Hebron on the wrong day for visitors. When he told then his name was Boaz, it seemed as if he had given a magic password. Others were not admitted that day, but they opened the gates for him.

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### 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.

**Shouldering the Work:** It is good Masonic Etiquette to accept a request made in the name of the lodge if it is within your abilities.

Why? A lodge is a working "beehive of industry". A request made of you from your lodge acknowledges that the lodge trusts you to competently fulfill such a request based upon your knowledge.

**Salute:** Some lodges (not all) offer salutes to the Master. Each of the brethren will salute the Master when they enter and when they leave their Masonic Mother lodge room or any other Masonic lodge room. Some lodges offer salutes to the Senior Warden.

Why? The Masonic etiquette of saluting the Master is your renewed pledge of fealty and service. It is your public display of decorum before all other brothers of your obligation. It shows your courteous respect for all that the Master stands for and shows that you acknowledge his authority. Salutes should reflect your heart-felt respect for all that for which he stands. The salute to the Master is your pledge of honor and service, your publicly shown obligation. A lazy sloppy or improper salute is to be Masonically impolite and thus, to exhibit poor Masonic etiquette.  
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### WHAT KIND OF A MASON ARE YOU?

A lot of Masons are like wheelbarrows-no good unless pushed.

Some are like trailers-they have to be pulled.

Some are like kites-if you don't keep a string on them they fly away.

Some are like balloons-full of wind and ready to blow up.

Some are like footballs-you can't tell which way they will bounce.

And then, some are like a good watch-open face, pure gold, quietly busy, and full of good work.

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