



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

September 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)

SEPTEMBER CALENDAR

- 05 No School of Instruction – Labor Day**
- 09 District Visitation - Doylestown Lodge**
Program: The Science of the Greater Yellowstone Area
- 10 Bristol Lodge Stated Meeting**
Program: Skull and Crossbones & Their Masonic Applications
- 11 5th Annual Masonic Charities Sporting Clays**
Lehigh Valley Clays
- 12 8th Masonic District School of Instruction (2nd Monday)**
- 14 Hermann-Humboldt Lodge District Visitation**
Program: TBD
- 14 Newtown Lodge Stated Meeting**
Program: Table Lodge (1st Degree)
- 18 6th Annual Cigar-B-Que District Event**
- 19 Southampton Radiant Star Lodge Stated Meeting**
Program: TBD
- 21 W.K. Bray Lodge Stated Meeting**
Program: Solomon's Seals
- 24 Oklahoma Masonic Indian Degree Team,**
Hummelstown, PA

LODGE MERGER IS INITIATED

At the June Stated Meeting of Southampton Radiant Star Lodge No. 806 a motion of intent to merge with another lodge was adopted. Over the summer the Merger Committee appointed by the Worshipful Master reached out to W.K. Bray Lodge No. 410 as the potential lodge to merge with. There have been a number of meetings between the two Merger Committees to discuss details in order to complete the merger. It is anticipated that the agreed terms of the merger will be presented at the September Stated Meeting of each respective lodge.

7TH ANNUAL DISTRICT CIGAR-B-QUE REMINDER

The 7th Annual Masonic District 8 Cigar-B-Que is fast approaching on Sunday, September 18, 2022, 4 pm-8pm. The location will be the Lower Bucks Masonic Hall (Newtown Lodge), Woodside, PA.

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 (see above banner) 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 or phone/text 215-852-3532.

5th 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, 1st, 2nd & 3rd Place.

For additional information and details, contact Brother George Lange, 215-355-2158 or georgnanne21@gmail.com

OKLAHOMA MASONIC INDIAN DEGREE TEAM

Ephrata Lodge is hosting an appearance of the Oklahoma Masonic Indian Degree Team September 24, 2022, 4:00 pm-10:00 pm, at the Indian Echo Caves, Hummelstown, PA.

Ticket Information:

<https://allevents.in/hummelstown/ephrata-lodge-665-indian-echo-caverns-degree-by-oklahoma-indian-team/10000156346054257>

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/1st-time-in-pa-ephrata-lodge-has-oklahoma-indian-degree-indian-echo-caves-tickets-156346054257?aff=ebdssbdestsearch>

THIS MONTH IN HISTORY

September 11, 1777

The largest engagement of the American Revolutionary War took place between the Continental Army led by Bro. George Washington and British troops led by General William Howe. Howe was marching to take Philadelphia when Bro. Washington chose to try and stop Howe's advance at the Brandywine River near Chadds Ford, PA. The American forces were defeated and the British went on to take Philadelphia on September 26th. The British spent the winter in Philadelphia while Bro. Washington's troops suffered the winter through at their encampment at Valley Forge, PA.

WHAT MAKES A SUCCESSFUL LODGE? HERE IS ONE LIST OF ATTRIBUTES

Over the years, many writers have addressed the subject of making a Lodge successful. Here is a list from a recent article by the Rev. K. F. Maxwell-Whale, published in the British, *The Square, The Independent Magazine for Freemasons*.

1. A careful selection process for new members
2. A fully committed membership who are keen to learn and promote Masonry
3. Fully committed Officers of the Lodge
4. A Master who can control the Lodge, together with the Lodge Committee, and also protecting tradition together with the Lodge Director of Ceremonies
5. A strong but fair Director of Ceremonies with the necessary knowledge to oversee the training of members and officers of the lodge
6. A strong Lodge Officer Instructor. Acknowledging the failings of others and having a willingness to help each other
7. Humor and friendship between member
8. Compassion for all, from all
9. A sincere acknowledgement of visitors

Emessay Notes, Masonic Service Assn., August 2015

NOTE: Definitions of terms used in the UGLE in the above article not common in Pennsylvania Freemasonry:

Lodge Committee: is a specially hand-chosen Task Force to relieve the Worshipful Master of the day-to-day tasks which he must oversee. These tasks are delegated to specific groups, which perform these necessary functions and report their results back to the Worshipful Master and the lodge members. <https://www.masonic-lodge-of-education.com>

Lodge Director of Ceremonies: The role of the Lodge DC is an important office within any lodge and he should ideally be a Past Master of the Lodge, be well versed in the ritual, Lodge by-laws and should see his prime role as one of ensuring continued compliance with the Lodge's ritual, as well as ensuring compliance with established Grand Lodge and Provincial Grand Lodge practice. He should ensure the meeting, Lodge of instruction, ceremonies and festive boards are carried out with dignity, decorum, and expedition. His knowledge of protocol, both within the Lodge and at the festive board, is of great importance.

Lodge Director of Ceremonies Handbook, Masonic Providence of Hertfordshire, June 2019

DID YOU KNOW?

Making a Mason at Sight

Making a Mason at Sight is considered one of the traditional powers of Grand Master. It means that he convenes an occasional Lodge, waives the usual requirements relative to becoming a member of the Craft such as filing a petition, having an investigation of the petitioner, passing the ballot box, etc., and the three degrees are conferred in full on the candidate at one meeting. There is an implied understanding that after the ceremony the new members will file a petition to affiliate with a lodge of his choice. This power is rarely exercised by a Grand Master.

Some of the persons who have become Masons in this manner are: Douglas MacArthur, George Marshall, William Howard Taft and John Wannamaker.

Trestleboard Tidbits, Compiled by Alphonse Cerza, MSA, 1982

CONSIDERING SUCCESS OR FAILURE

(Editor's Note: In light of the recent passing of Brother Thomas W. Jackson, R.W. Past Grand Secretary, I present the following from his book.)

For a good many years, I have given thought to the significance of Freemasonry, as well as the purpose of the Craft. Certainly, there are many definitions existing that state it's [sic] purpose, all of them admirable, some ethereal.

There is no doubt that in many cases, and provably most, we succeed. In others, we fail. The successes and failures depend upon our efforts and systems, as well as our member's willingness to receive and respond to our efforts.

The success or failure of a man in life, however, depends more upon the recipient than upon the giver, and I would suspect that our failures are less of our making than of the brother's willingness to accept our philosophies and principles.

I was reading the publication of the Grand Lodge of Hawaii recently and I saw a little quotation which impressed me. It was an old Indian saying:

When you were born, You cried and the world rejoiced.

Live your life in such a manner that when you die the world cries and you rejoice.

So great would be the Craft if we simply accomplished instilling that adage into our members. I have expressed a number of times that the value of the life of a man might be determined by the number who are sad when he passes away. That basically, is what is expressed in the old Indian saying.

Our definition is to take good men and make them better. How much better could we do than to have the world cry when we die?

Masonic Perspectives-The Thoughts of a Grand Secretary,
Thomas W. Jackson, 2015

QUOTE OF THE MONTH

"We live in the present, we dream of the future, and we learn eternal truths from the past." - Unknown