



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

November 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)

NOVEMBER CALENDAR

- 05 Bristol Lodge DDGM District Visitation**
Program: Friend to Friend Masonic Memorial
- 07 8th Masonic District School of Instruction**
Frey Masonic Center, Warminster
- 09 Hermann-Humboldt Lodge Stated Meeting**
Program: TBD
- 09 Newtown Lodge Stated Meeting**
Program: Building the Flag
- 11 Doylestown Lodge Stated Meeting**
Program: Brother Harry Truman
- 21 Southampton Radiant Star Lodge DDGM District Visitation**
Program: TBD
- 16 W.K. Bray Lodge Stated Meeting**
Program: Scottish Rite of Freemasonry

SAVE THE DATE – ONE DAY CLASS IN 2023

Right Worshipful Grand Master Jeffrey M. Wonderling is authorizing and encouraging a one-time Regional/District One Day Class which will be held on Saturday, March 25, 2023 at Norristown Lodge No. 620, 2589 Township Line Road, Eagleville, PA. Only the three Symbolic Degrees will be conferred during this event. Additional information and details will appear in future newsletters as the date gets closer.

GEORGE WASHINGTON MASONIC NATIONAL MEMORIAL CORNERSTONE REDEDICATION

The George Washington Masonic National Memorial in Alexandria, VA will re-dedicate the cornerstone on February 20, 2023 and celebrate the Memorial's next century of service. Freemasons in amity with the Grand Lodge of Virginia may participate in the Parade from historic Old Town Alexandria up to the Memorial's beautiful grounds. Details can be found at their website: <https://gwmemorial.org/pages/cornerstone>

DISTRICT OPEN HOUSE – NOVEMBER 12th

An Open House will be held on Saturday, November 12th, 9:00am-12:00pm at Lower Bucks Masonic Hall (Home of Newtown Lodge). This event will follow the same format as the Grand Master's Open Houses held earlier in the year. It will be followed by a Freemasonry for Wives and Families program to provide information to those who may not be familiar with our Fraternity. This will be an excellent opportunity to introduce Freemasonry to men who you believe may have an interest in becoming a Mason and/or would make a good Mason. Please invite them and their families to join us.

SUPPORT MORRISVILLE ASSEMBLY No. 107 of RAINBOW GIRLS EVENTS

FALL FOOD DRIVE

The Morrisville Rainbow Girls Assembly No. 107 of is collecting canned goods and other non-perishable food items until December 4, 2022. The hope is to fill numerous boxes which will be distributed to food pantries in the Newtown area. If you are going to be at the Lower Bucks Masonic Hall (Newtown Lodge) for rehearsals, meetings or the Open House on November 12th, please bring some canned goods with you to donate.

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

There will be a Breakfast with Santa being held at the Lower Bucks Masonic Hall on Saturday, December 3, 2022, 8:00 - 10:30 am. Adults (over 12) \$8; Children 12 and under \$5 and Children under 12 are free. Come out and say "hello" to Santa and enjoy a breakfast to support the Assembly.

BLOOD DRIVE SCHEDULED-DOYLESTOWN LODGE

Doylestown Lodge is hosting a blood drive on November 16, 2022, 2 pm-7 pm at the Doylestown Lodge, 55 E. State Street, Doylestown, PA

The Red Cross is experiencing a blood shortage and needs your help. Please donate if you are healthy and able. Please schedule your donation time on the Red Cross website: redcrossblood.org

If you cannot attend this event, please go to the Red Cross website for alternative locations, dates and times.

THIS MONTH IN HISTORY

November 3, 1793

In Wythe County, VA was born Bro. Stephen Fuller Austin, a principle founder of the state of Texas its capital city was named. Bro. Austin first visited Texas in 1821 and established a colony there the following year, continuing a colonization project started by his father, Moses Austin. Thrown into prison when he advocated formation of a separate state (Texas still belonged to Mexico) he was freed in 1835. He lost a campaign for the presidency (of the Republic of Texas) to Bro.; Sam Houston in 1836. Bro. Austin died while serving as Texas Secretary of State at Austin, TX, December 27, 1836. Bro. Austin was initiated into Louisiana Lodge 109 at St. Genevieve, MO, in 1815.

LET NOT YOUR ZEAL

As soon as a man is made a Freemason he is admonished not to let his zeal for Freemasonry lead him into argument with those who may ridicule Freemasonry.

As long as Freemasonry has been around it has had its critics. It likely always will. While it can be tempting to engage these critics in arguments or to attempt to defend our Craft against the negative comments that others may make, we are instead charged to exercise restraint and civil silence instead of engaging in impassioned arguments.

The Christian leader St. Francis of Assis is reported to have told his followers "Wherever you go, preach Christ. If necessary use words." He knew that the most powerful witness for his religion was not the words of his followers but their actions and behaviors.

So it is with Freemasonry. We defend our Gentle Craft by living good and moral lives that others respect. This lifestyle will do all that is needed to defend Freemasonry from its enemies and encourage other Good men to seek admission into our order.

Making Good Men Better, Carl W. Davis

QUOTE OF THE MONTH

We are committed to excellence in our lives and we are not willing to compromise ourselves for the sake of popularity. One time, the great German mathematician, Karl Gustav Jacobi, was asked why he decided to spend his life at work in such an obscure field. He replied, 'For the honor of the human spirit.' That is the reason why we, as Masons, give our lives affirming our beliefs in moral conduct, brotherhood and compassion. We do it for the honor of the human spirit.

Stanley F. Maxwell

DID YOU KNOW?

UP IN THIS WORLD

The lodge with the highest meeting place on the globe is Roof of the World Lodge No. 1094, of Oroya, Peru. The elevation of the lodge room in the Andes Mountains is 14,167 above sea level.

The closest competitor in the United States is Corinthian Lodge No. 35 at Leadville, Colorado elevation about 10,200 feet.

WHO, AGAIN, WAS THE FIRST PRESIDENT OF THE U.S.?

It was quite a surprise to see the headline in a Lodge newsletter, saying that John Hanson was the first president of the United States.

Hanson, not known to be a Mason, was an American patriot. He was elected to the Provincial Legislature of Maryland in 1775, and then in 1777 became a member of Congress, where he distinguished himself as a brilliant administrator. Then, he was elected as the first President in 1781. What?

The new country was actually founded on March 1, 1781, with the adoption of the Articles of Confederation, and John Hanson was chosen unanimously by Congress, which included George Washington.

Six other presidents followed John Hanson, with each serving a one-year term. Why don't we hear of the first seven Presidents? It is quite simple – the Articles of Confederation did not work well. The individual states had too much power and nothing could be agreed upon. A new doctrine needed to [be] written – something we know today as the Constitution.

George Washington was the first President of the United States under the Constitution we follow today. His term as President was from 1789-1797.

But John Hanson accomplished much in his one year in office. Almost immediately, the troops who fought in the Revolutionary War demanded to be paid. There were no funds for salaries. The soldiers threatened to overthrow the new government and put George Washington on the throne as a monarch. Hanson calmed the troops and held the country together.

Other accomplishments by President Hanson included ordering all foreign troops off American soil, removal of all foreign flags, establishing the Great Seal of the United States (still in use), created the first Treasury Department, the first Secretary of State, the first Foreign Affairs Department, and declaring the fourth Thursday of November to be Thanksgiving Day.

Hanson and the other six Presidents under the Articles of Confederation are forgotten in history. Today, we proudly proclaim Brother George Washington as the first President and Father of our Country.

(Thanks to the "Trestleboard" of Washington Day Lodge #14 in the District of Columbia for the history and research for this article, February, 2014.)

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GLOSSARY – CARDINAL POINTS

The station of the Worshipful Master in the east, representing the sun, the source of light; the station of the Junior Warden in the south, representing the sun at its meridian, and the station of the Senior Warden in the west, marking the setting of the sun and the closing of the day.

The Exemplar, William A. Carpenter, RWPGM