



8th Masonic District

The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania



Lodge No. 9, Bristol Lodge No. 25, Hermann-Humboldt Lodge No. 125,
Houseman Lodge No. 211, Doylestown Lodge No. 245,
W.K. Bray-Southampton Lodge No. 410, Newtown Lodge No. 427, Pilgrim Lodge No. 712

Website: www.pa8thmasonic.com; Facebook: PA 8th Masonic District

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

June 2023

8th Masonic District School of Instruction

Lower Bucks Masonic Hall
Edgewood & Heacock Roads, Woodside, PA 19067

Stated Monthly Meeting - 3rd Monday at 7:30 pm
Extra Meeting – If Needed, called with due and timely notice.
(No Stated Meetings in July and August)

JUNE CALENDAR

- 1 Pilgrim Lodge Stated Meeting
Program: Widow's Sons Grand Master's Ride Presentation
- 2 **Lodge 9 Stated Meeting-District Visitation**
Program: Oaths & Obligations (Degrees)
- 3 Bristol Lodge Stated Meeting
*Program: Minerals for Surviving a Masonic Meal/
The Loyal Order of Water Buffalo*
- 8 Houseman Lodge Stated Meeting
Program: DeMolay Night
- 9 Doylestown Lodge Stated Meeting
Program: Photography
- 10 **Quarterly Communication/Election of Grand
Lodge Officers 100th Ann.-DeMolay,**
Elizabethtown
- 14 Hermann-Humboldt Stated Meeting
Program: TBD
- 14 Newtown Lodge Stated Meeting
*Program: Examination of a Visitor & Funeral
Service*
- 19 **8th Masonic District School of Instruction,**
Lower Bucks Masonic Hall (Newtown Lodge)
- 21 W.K. Bray-Southampton Lodge Stated Mtg.
Program: TBD
- 24 **3:00 pm-Masonic Temple Rededication of
Cornerstone, Philadelphia.**

CUSTOM HENRY RIFLE RAFFLE SOLD OUT

The Henry Big Boy Model H006, .44 Mag/SPL Rifle Raffle Tickets have sold out. This custom made rifle was created to commemorate the 150th Anniversary of the Masonic Temple in Philadelphia. Proceeds will go to the Grand Lodge of PA.

For those who purchased tickets, the winning number will be taken from the first 7:00 pm PA Daily Pick-3 evening lottery number on June 24, 2023. Good Luck!

PASSPORT TO FELLOWSHIP IN THE 8TH MASONIC DISTRICT

The 8th Masonic District has initiated the "Passport to Fellowship in the 8th Masonic District" program has been well received by the Brethren in the District. This is a great way to get to meet your Brothers throughout the District.

Participating Brothers must visit all the Lodges in the 8th Masonic District to get their passport validated while enjoying Masonic fellowship at each location. Once the passport has been filled, it will submitted to the DDGM. There will be a presentation of a "traveler" Square and Compasses lapel pin at the end of the year.



The rules details for completing the program can be found on the Passport. Passports are available from the DDGM at any DDGM or District Visitation and at the School of Instruction. Check out the Calendar on our District website, www.pa8thmasonic.com for dates and times of Lodge meetings and visitations.

8TH ANNUAL DISTRICT CIGAR-B-QUE SCHEDULED

You are invited to the 7th Annual Masonic District 8 Cigar-B-Que scheduled for Sunday, September 10, 2023, 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 \$9,000.00.

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 3, 2023. For tickets or information, contact DDGM Bro. Rich Bradbury at DDGM08@pagrandlodge.org or phone/text 215-852-3532.

THIS MONTH IN HISTORY

June 14, 1966

Each year the United States celebrates National Flag wherein the American people are called upon to participate in public ceremonies in which the Pledge of Allegiance is recited. The day was first proclaimed in 1966 by President and Bro. Lyndon B. Johnson.

June 8, 1915

Bro. William Jennings Bryan resigned as Secretary of State to protest the US handling of the sinking of the Lusitania by Germany. Bro. Bryan was an extreme pacifist. Bro. Bryan was raised on Lincoln Lodge No. 19. Lincoln, NE on April 15, 1902, and later affiliated with Temple Lodge No. 247, Miami, FL. He died in court at Dayton, TN on July 26, 1925, and is buried at Arlington National Cemetery.

HOW DO YOU MEET THE CHALLENGE?

In life challenge is abundant, life is a challenge, and because of this life has meaning.

In Operative Masonry the challenge was to build a great structure from rough stone. The challenge progressed from one building to another throughout the life of the Mason. He had a purpose and worked diligently with his brothers to fulfill that purpose.

In Speculative Masonry the challenge is to build a better person through instruction, deeds, and example. The purpose is no less noble than our operative brothers' purpose, just more challenging.

Over the centuries Masonry has been persecuted by those who oppose it. Through these challenges Masonry has grown and become stronger. We have faced and defeated every challenge, and become satisfied. "Maybe too satisfied"

Now we face a new and more fearsome challenge. "APATHY"

As a teen, we did not care. "Who cares?" "It doesn't matter." Now as adults many of us have the same bad habits, but it does matter. The only challenge most Masons think they have, is memorization of the degree work. The only education is teaching that memorization.

We have forgotten our young brothers who are starving for knowledge and information about Masonry. Even now it had to be ordered by the Grand Master so there would be an educational talk at every meeting.

This brings up another challenge, our educators need to be enlightened before they can instruct others. All because of the lack of education and apathy.

No one cared
No one sought
No one taught

It's time for you to:

Care
Seek

And teach, if given a chance.

By: William Fischer

MESSAGE TO THE CRAFT AS WE OBSERVE FLAG DAY AND FATHER'S DAY

(Excerpt of a message from MW William J. Thomas, Grand Master of New York, June 11, 2014)

"To my Brothers throughout this great jurisdiction ...

This weekend we observe two very special holidays ... FLAG DAY is Saturday, June 14th and FATHER'S DAY is Sunday, June [15]th. As Brother Masons it is fitting that we pause and reflect on the importance and relevance of these two events to each of us.

Masons are ever mindful of the meaning of the American flag, and the reverence and respect due our flag. It is always with us at the start of every Masonic gathering. This is a well established and meaningful tradition as a reminder of our patriotism and the profound respect due this respected symbol of our great nation. Let us give thanks that we have the privilege of reaffirming our allegiance to the United States of America and let's all show our pride by flying the American flag at our home and place of business.

We give special thanks and appreciation to Dad for all that was good in our upbringing and our development. If you are blessed with having your dad still with you, I know that you understand and we need not elaborate on this point. And if you are a Dad in your own right, I also know you will share your pride as a role model by all your actions since you are an upright man and Mason. As such, you recognize that our children are indeed our most precious resource and our heritage. We all must love and cherish every opportunity we have to make children, especially ours, better citizens. We give thanks to the Great Architect for all the opportunities we have to celebrate our parents and our flag."

DID YOU KNOW?

Pharmacist Freemasons and Soft Drinks

Whether you call it a soft drink, fizzy drink or soda pop, these popular beverages are everywhere. Many were invented by pharmacist Freemasons.

Pharmacist Charles C. Alerton, P.M. Waco (TX) Lodge No. 92, invented Dr. Pepper as an alternative to sarsaparilla, lemon and vanilla flavors. First sold in 1885, it was introduced to the world at the 1904 World's Fair in St. Louis.

Pharmacist John S. Pemberton, Columbian Lodge No. 7, Columbus, GA, invented Penerton's French wine cola nerve tonic in 1885. Due to local prohibition, Bro. Pemberton soon modified the recipe to create the non-alcoholic Coca Cola.

Pharmacist Caleb D. Bradham, P.M., St. John's Lodge No. 3, New Bern, NC, invented Pepsi Cola in 1893. Bro. Bradham believed it aided digestion like the pepsin enzyme, hence the name.

Pharmacist John J. McLaughlin, Cedar Lodge No. 270, Oshawa Ontario, Canada, invented Canada Dry Pale Ginger Ale in 1904 as a less sweet alternative to other ginger ales of the time.

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