



# 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 2021

### 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

- 05 Quarterly Communication, Philadelphia, PA
- 07 8th Masonic District School of Instruction, W.K.  
Bray Lodge, Hatboro, PA  
*Program: Mechanics of the EA Degree*
- 09 Hermann-Humboldt Lodge, W.K. Bray Lodge,  
Hatboro, PA  
*Program: Fellowcraft Degree-English*
- 09 Newtown Lodge Stated Meeting  
*Program: Honoring Our Flag*
- 11 Doylestown Lodge Stated Meeting  
*Program: The Lewis Jewel*
- 16 W.K. Bray Lodge Stated Meeting  
*Program: Geo. Washington's Masonic Apron from  
Lafayette*
- 19 Bristol Lodge Stated Meeting  
*Program: Rainbow Girls/PA Grand Commandery*
- 21 Southampton Radiant Star Lodge Stated Meeting  
*Program: History of the United States Flag*

### LOOKING AHEAD

The District Summer School of Instruction is scheduled for  
July 13<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>. The location is to be determined.  
Information will be sent out through lodge secretary.

### NEW GRAND MASTER COVID-19 GUIDELINES

On May 13<sup>th</sup>, in accordance with the guidelines set by the CDC  
and PA DOH, the RW Grand Master has directed that  
“members who are fully vaccinated are free to meet without  
their masks if they feel comfortable in doing so. Any members  
who has not been fully vaccinated must continue to wear their  
masks.” Further, the RWGM has suspended the Waiver and  
Release process and procedure.

Thank you for following the guidelines based on your  
vaccination status as we continue to work toward normalcy.

### MARK YOUR CALENDAR - 6<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL DISTRICT CIGAR-B-QUE SCHEDULED

The 6th Annual Cigar-B-Que is scheduled for Sunday,  
September 19, 2021, 4 pm-8pm. The location will again  
be the Lower Bucks Masonic Hall (Newtown Lodge),  
Woodside, PA. This event is open to all Masons, family  
and friends. Attendees MUST be over 21 years of age.

Tickets are still \$65.00/pp for a minimum of three 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.

Deadline for tickets is September 12, 2021. For tickets or  
information, contact DDGM Rich Bradbury at  
DDGM08@pagrandlodge.org or phone/text 215-852-  
3532.

### MASONIC SPEAKER SERIES CONTINUES

The Grand Lodge of PA will offer the Masonic Speaker  
Series through the summer. Please register and attend.  
Information can be obtained by visiting:  
<https://pamasonictemple.org/events/>

#### June 19, 2021 - 3:30pm - "Journey to the Archives"

Presenter: Bro. Michael Laskowski, Masonic Temple  
archivist and Worshipful Master of Columbia Lodge No. 91.  
To attend virtually, please register at:  
<https://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/eventReg?oei=dk=a07ehmv7kr5d7abeb8f&oseq=&c=&ch=>

#### July 17, 2021 - 3:00pm - "Dreaming of the Alhambra"

Presenter: Bro. Michael Ernest, Islamic Art history  
researcher, Junior Warden of University Lodge No. 51. To  
attend virtually, please register at:  
<https://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/eventReg?oei=dk=a07ehmvb2su5b52e67e&oseq=&c=&ch=>

#### August 21, 2021 - 3:30pm - "The History of Prince Hall and Masonry in America"

Presenter: Rev. Dr. William Rocky Brown, Worshipful  
Grand Chaplain for Prince Hall Grand Lodge of  
Pennsylvania. To attend virtually, please register at:  
<https://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/eventReg?oei=dk=a07ehq0qd4o46e43d3d&oseq=&c=&ch=>

## THIS MONTH IN HISTORY

June 6, 1755

American patriot, Bro. Nathan Hale was born at Coventry, CT. During the battles for New York in the American Revolution he volunteered to seek military intelligence behind enemy lines and was captured on the night of September 21, 1776. Before British General William Howe, Bro. Hale admitted to being an American officer and was ordered hanged the following morning. His dying words reportedly were: "I only regret I have but one life to lose for my country." He was hanged September 22, 1776, at what is now the intersection of Market Street and East Broadway, New York City. The Martyred Bro. Nathan Hale was thought to be a member of St. John's Regimental Lodge of New York City. No real proof exists.

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### DID YOU KNOW? MASONIC CHARITY HELPED FATHER OF JOSEPH FORT NEWTON

In his lifetime Joseph Fort Newton was the silver-tongued orator of the Craft. With his talks and book, *The Builders, A Story and Study of Masonry* (1914), he did much for Freemasonry.

He told the story that his father became a mason in a military lodge. He had been taken prisoner and was transported to Rock Island, Illinois, where he became desperately ill. An officer of the camp, desiring to help him as a Brother Mason, took him to his home and nursed him back to health.

When the war ended the Mason loaned him enough money to get back home.

If Newton's father had died on Rock Island, the world would have been poorer for not having had a wise and eloquent minister of the gospel, and the Craft would have been poorer in its inspiration and literature.

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### THE WORK

The gavel sounds and all is still:  
The Master speaks, proclaims his will:  
Each one obeys, takes up his tools.  
Inspects the plan, consults the rules:  
With trowel and level, plumb and square,  
Each stone is set exactly where  
The plan provides, the drawing shows  
And day by day, the Temple grows:  
The porch is finished, pillars placed  
The strands of net-work, interlaced  
The chambers furnished, pavement laid,  
The sacred vessels all displayed:  
The walls are standing, straight and true  
The roof is on, the labor through:  
The Master speaks, The work is done:  
The gavel sounds, God calls us home.

Montford C. Holley

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*Have a Safe and Happy Summer!*

## 'MOST POWERFUL MAN IN BASEBALL' WAS MASON

Byron Bancroft "Ban" Johnson. Around the start of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century, was known as "the most powerful man in baseball" – not because of his home run ability, but for his influence as the national game developed.

Brother Johnson was born in Norwalk, Ohio in 1864, and was a member of Nova Caesarea Harmony Lodge, No. 2, in Cincinnati, Ohio.

He went to college to become a minister, and then began to study law before becoming a newspaper sports writer. In that role, he met Charles Comiskey and formed the Western Baseball League, with Johnson as president.

In 1900, the league was renamed the America League, and Johnson enticed leading National League players to join the new league. Brother Johnson is credited with cleaning up the sport by doing away with gambling, rioting, brawling, and crookedness.

He helped establish the World Series between the American and National League Champions.

After his retirement, Brother Johnson helped to organize the Little League, which for many years was called the Ban Johnson Little League.

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### NORTHEAST CORNER

As one progresses through the rites and symbolisms of Freemasonry, receiving more and more Light, he reaches the Northeast Corner with all the outward appearances of a perfect and upright Mason, a true and tried representative of the cornerstone of a great moral and spiritual edifice.

Masonic legend and ritual recognize the northeast corner as the proper place for laying the corner-stone in an edifice; symbolically this corner represents the beginning of the laying of the corner-stone of the spiritual superstructure which every true Mason must build. Here, in the Northeast Corner, ceremonies and instructions, the initiate commences the moral and intellectual task of erecting a spiritual temple in his heart. The corner-stone is emblematic of a "well-tried, true, and trusty" Masonic character which he begins now to build -- the squareness of its surface, emblematic of morality; its cubical form, emblematic of firmness and stability of character; the peculiar finish and fineness of the material, emblematic of virtue and holiness. In consecrated language of symbolism the newly admitted Apprentice is instructed in a life of integrity and stability of conduct, of truthfulness and uprightness of character, and of purity and holiness in all human relations.

Masonic Dictionary, Washington Lodge No. 20 (CA) website

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### QUOTE OF THE MONTH

"Freemasonry embraces the highest moral laws and will bear the test of any system of ethics or philosophy ever promulgated for the uplift of man."

Brother Douglas MacArthur