



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

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October 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)

OCTOBER CALENDAR

- 5 Pilgrim Lodge Stated Meeting
Program: Geo. Washington the Mason & G.W. National Masonic Memorial
- 6 **Lodge 9 DDGM Visitation**
Program: Anniversary/Lodge No. 9 Trivia
- 11 Hermann-Humboldt Stated Meeting
- 11 Newtown Lodge Stated Meeting
Program: Baseball Memorabilia and Masonry
- 12 Houseman Lodge Stated Meeting
- 13 Doylestown Lodge Stated Meeting
Program: Pine 2 Pink (Breast Cancer Awareness)
- 16 **8th Masonic District School of Instruction**
- 18 W.K. Bray-Southampton Lodge Stated Mtg.
Program: TBD
- 28 **Academy of Masonic Knowledge**
- 28 Bristol Lodge Stated Meeting
Program: The Widow's Sons PA

YOU CAN STILL COMPLETE YOUR PASSPORT!

Many of the Brothers picked up a Passport to Fellowship in the 8th Masonic District earlier in the year. Now that Lodges have returned to labor, don't forget to pick up where you left off! There is still time to complete the requirements in order to get the District Traveling Pin. Check the above schedule for Stated Meeting dates of the Lodges you still need to visit. The Lodge Extra Meetings are posted on the District Calendar found on the website: www.pa8thmasonic.com as soon as the Lodge meeting notice is sent out.

BLOOD DRIVES SCHEDULED

See the Red Cross website, www.redcross.org, for details & to schedule an appointment at one of the following Blood Drives: Doylestown Lodge – November 15th, times to be determined. W.K. Bray-Southampton Lodge - October 21st from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM at Masonic Village-Warminster.

AMENDMENTS TO THE SCHOOL OF INSTRUCTION BY-LAWS PENDING ACTION AT THE OCTOBER STATED MEETING

With the decision of the Lodges to permanently change the location of the 8th Masonic District School of Instruction from the Masonic Village at Warminster to the Lower Bucks Masonic Hall, by-laws changes need to be made. At the September Stated Meeting of the School of Instruction on September 18, 2023, the proposed amendments to the By-Laws were read and held over.

Action will be had upon the following proposed amendments to the By-Laws at the October Stated Meeting of the School on October 16, 2023:

RESOLVED, That Article 2, Section 2.01, be amended by striking the words “850 Norristown Road, Warminster, PA 18947-2694,” in the second and third lines and inserting in lieu thereof the words “1661 Edgewood Road, Yardley, PA 19067” so that the Section, when amended, shall read as follows:

Article 2 - Location, Section 2.01 Primary Location. The location of the School, as authorized by its Warrant, is in the Eighth Masonic District, in the County of Bucks, Pennsylvania. The Post Office address is 1661 Edgewood Road, Yardley, PA 19067.

RESOLVED, That Article 5, Section 5.01, be amended by striking the words “Frey-Southampton Masonic Center, 850 Norristown Road, Warminster, PA on the first Monday” in the first and second lines in lieu thereof the words “Lower Bucks Masonic Hall, 1661 Edgewood Road, Yardley, PA 19067 on the third Monday” so that the Section, when amended, shall read as follows:

Article 5 – Meetings of the Membership, Section 5.-01 Meetings. The meetings shall be held in the Lower Bucks Masonic Hall, 1661 Edgewood Road, Yardley, PA 19067 on the third Monday of each month at 7:30 P.M. A meeting shall also be held on the third Friday of the month at 7:30 P.M., if needed to exemplify work. Meetings in July and August may be omitted by a majority vote of the members present at the Stated Meeting.

Don't wait to see what happens – roll up your sleeves and make it happen.

8TH DISTRICT CIGAR-B-QUE SETS NEW RECORD

At the first District Cigar-B-Que in 2016 we had 25 people in attendance. Through the years the event has grown to the point where we set a new record this year with 73 attendees!

Thanks to the giving nature of the Brothers, families and friends who came out to the event, the 8th Masonic District will also be making a record donation to Masonic Charities...not bad for "some guys (and ladies) sitting around smoking cigars, eating barbeque and talking"!

We could not have continued this great charitable event without the generous support of the Officers and Members of Newtown Lodge No. 427 and the Lower Bucks Masonic Hall Association, our venue host! On behalf of the District...Thank you.

The support of our vendors, Hiram and Solomon Cigars and Billy-D's BBQ and Catering should not be overlooked. They have been with us from the start and we cannot imagine this event without them!

We look forward to seeing you at next year's District Cigar-B-Que to be part of this signature event!

THIS MONTH IN HISTORY

October 27, 1858

In New York was born the man who was to become the 26th President of the United States, succeeding to the presidency on the death of Bro. William McKinley. His term of office began on September 14, 1901 and ended March 3, 1909. Bro. Theodore Roosevelt was the first president to ride in an automobile (1902), the first to submerge in a submarine (1905) and to fly in an airplane (1910). He is best remembered for the quote: "Speak softly but carry a big stick." But he also said: "The first requisite of a good citizen in this Republic of ours is that he shall be able and willing to pull his weight." Bro. Roosevelt was initiated January 2, 1801, Passed March 27, and raised April 24 the same year at Matinecock Lodge 806 at Oyster Bay, NY. He was made an honorary member of Pentalpha Lodge 23 at Washington, DC where he took an active part in many Masonic activities. He died at Oyster Bay, NY on January 6, 1919. His last words were: "Put out the light."

October 24, 1861

The world's first transcontinental telegraph message was sent as Bro. Justice Stephen J. Field of California transmitted a telegram to President Abraham Lincoln. Bro. Field was the last Justice appointed to the US Supreme Court by President Lincoln and his decisions were important to the development of constitutional law. He was a member of Corinthian Lodge No. 9 (formerly Laverly Lodge) at Marysville, CA, and in 1866 was made a Life Member for his liberal donations to the Lodge. He died April 9, 1899.

QUOTE OF THE MONTH

"Freemasonry is an institution calculated to benefit mankind."

Andrew Jackson

AT A HOLLYWOOD CEMETERY, A MASONIC 'FOREVER' LODGE

Hollywood has always had a flair for the dramatic. And in 1931, the town's newest Masonic lodge was no exception. Abutting the massive Paramount Studios movie lot, the lodge played host to a theatrical midnight funeral service, billed in the press as an ultra-rare ceremony witnessed only a handful of times in history.

The Masons entered the upstairs lodge room for the service at the "low 12" hour, each holding a single candle. As they filed in, they flanked the coffin of the deceased, and a ritual prayer was read. Upon recitation of the last incantations, the Masons knelt and blew out their candles, and the room went dark. Silently, the pallbearers spirited the coffin through a secret door. When the lights came back up, the body had vanished.

Nearly a century later, the Masons are long gone, but the old lodge room still retains its magical allure. Situated within the old Hollywood Memorial Park Cemetery, the two-story building on Santa Monica Boulevard now hosts some of Tinseltown's most celebrated performers. In 2008, the site was rebranded as the Hollywood Forever Cemetery, with the Masonic Lodge acting as a venue for intimate concerts from renowned artists including Philip Glass, Moby, Karen O, and the National, among any others.

In short order, the Masonic Lodge has become a part of the fabric of Los Angeles' cultural life. In addition to the concert series, it hosts Cinespia's outdoor movie nights, which are projected against the exterior walls of the Churrigueresque lodge hall. Patrons sit under blankets beside headstones for some of the country's most famous performers and celebrities, from Rudolph Valentino to Judy Garland to Chris Cornell.

All that gives the site one-of-a-kind ambiance. Jay Boileau, who has been Hollywood Forever's executive vice president and director of cultural events since it was purchased out of bankruptcy in 1997, says the Masonic lodge there is no typical venue. "The way the room is designed with those high beams, it feels huge. But it's actually a small room, so it feels intimate, too," he says. "As you walk in, the wheels are turning in your brain."

Originally, the lodge's presence was the work of one man. Frank Heron was a 32nd-degree member of the Scottish Rite, past commander of the Knights Templar's Los Angeles chapter, and, beginning in 1922, president of the Hollywood Cemetery Association. It was Heron who helped turn the property into a modern memorial park and first made plans for a Masonic hall on its grounds. In 1924, the Bankers Masonic Club of Los Angeles petitioned for a dispensation to form a new lodge. The following year, it was constituted as Southland № 618, with William Frederic Gallin as its first master and Heron as junior warden. At the time, Heron was exploring ways to build on the cemetery property, but city codes required any new construction on coveted Santa Monica Boulevard to be commercial. So his idea was to lease the upstairs space in this commercial building project to Masonic lodges."

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