



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

June 2024

8th Masonic District School of Instruction

Lower Bucks Masonic Hall (Newtown Lodge)
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** **Quarterly Communication, Erie, PA**
- 6** Pilgrim Lodge Stated Meeting
 Program: TBD
- 7** Lodge 9 Stated Meeting
 Program: Youth Group Night/So Much to Give
 Inclusive Cafe
- 12** Hermann-Humboldt Stated Meeting
 TBD
- 12** Newtown Lodge Stated Meeting
 Program: The Importance of Rainbow for Girls
- 13** Houseman Lodge Stated Meeting
 Program: The Five Principal Orders of Architecture
- 14** Doylestown Lodge Stated Meeting
 Program: TBD
- 15** **Lodge of Research, Williamsport, PA**
- 15** Bristol Lodge Stated Meeting
 Program: Knights Templar
- 17** **8th Masonic District School of Instruction**
- 19** W.K. Bray-Southampton Lodge Stated Mtg.
 Program: Scholarship Presentations

MOVIES UNDER THE STARS

**Come Join us in July and August for Family
Night at the Lower Bucks Masonic Hall with
an outdoor showing of**



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July 20th

And

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August 10th



ALL SHOWS START AT DUSK

BRING YOUR PICNIC BLANKETS AND CHAIRS

*For more information, contact Brother Chuck Simon P.M.
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DDGM AND DISTRICT VISITATIONS REAP REWARDS FOR BROTHERS

During the District Deputy Grand Master Visitations and the District Visitations, many Brethren were presented with Grand Lodge Awards.

The Master Pillar Award is given to a Brother who completed the online education components and volunteer requirements that helps the Lodge and the Brother grow. It also requires that the Brother held an elected office and conferred all three Masonic Degrees. This is the highest achievement award possible. Brother Kenneth B Shinn, P.M., Houseman Lodge No. 211 received his during the April DDGM Visitation and Brother John P. Sellani, P.M., Newtown Lodge No. 427 received his at the DDGM Visitation in May.

At the May DDGM Visitation to Newtown Lodge No. 427, Brother Daniel T. Kaplan was presented with the Master Builder Award for completing the education and volunteer requirements within a year of his being raised to the Degree of a Master Mason. Also, a Seventy Year Masonic Service Emblem was presented to Brother Thomas H. Miller and Fifty Year Masonic Service Emblems were presented to Brothers George H. Detweiler, Jr., Stephen G. Schroeder, P.M. and Thomas Drake, P.M.

The District Visitation to Doylestown Lodge No. 245 in May provided the opportunity to award the Daniel Carter Beard Masonic Scouter Award to Brother Donald W. Woodling of Newtown Lodge. This award is presented to registered Scouter who has displayed outstanding dedication to the Scouting program in various areas. Brother Woodling has been involved in Troop 64 since 1991. A Fifty Year Masonic Emblem was presented to Brother Gary L Bergstresser, Doylestown Lodge with his three Master Mason sons present.

The May DDGM Visitation to W.K. Bray-Southampton Lodge No. 410 Brother Robert E. Fay, Jr. was presented with a Fifty Year Masonic Service Emblem.

Congratulations to all the award recipients!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

The 9th Annual District Cigar-B-Que is scheduled for Sunday, September 8, 2024. More details to follow.

THIS MONTH IN HISTORY

June 11, 1776

The Continental Congress formed a committee to draft a Declaration of Independence from Britain. Named to the committee were Virginian Thomas Jefferson, John Adams of Massachusetts; Bro. Benjamin Franklin, Pennsylvania Bro. Robert Livingston of New York, and Bro. Roger Sherman of Massachusetts. James Smith, a Dubliner and George Taylor from Belfast were both Delegates from Pennsylvania, and Matthew Thornton, from Dublin, represented New Hampshire. Jefferson is credited with the writing.

June 6, 1934

US President and Bro. F.D. Roosevelt signed the Securities and Exchange Act that established the SEC. Wall Street had been operating almost unfettered since the end of the 18th Century. But the stock market crash of 1929 necessitated regulation of the Exchanges. The Commission is composed of five members appointed by the President of the US.

NEWTOWN MASONIC LODGE GOLF OUTING

On September 17, 2024, Newtown Lodge is holding their Charity-Scholarship Golf Outing at Five Ponds Golf Club, Warminster, with a 9:00 am shotgun start. Cost is \$125.00 per golfer. Money raised from the event will go toward the Charity-Scholarship Fund.

Sponsorships are available: Hole Sponsor-\$100.00, Dinner-Level Sponsor - \$200.00 and Event Sponsor-\$500.00. For questions or information, contact Brother George Lange, 215-355-2158 or georgnanne21@gmail.com

IGNITE THE LIGHT WITHIN

Brethren, I challenge you to
Ignite the Light Within
To do your best, to guard against
Its precious glow going dim
Fan the flame and you will see
What our Fraternity can truly be
Remember when you came to light
The joy you felt...oh the high that night
It can be rekindled as you rededicate self
To Brotherhood, Fraternity and Masonic Wealth
So ignite the light for the world to see
How PA Freemasons ought to be
As your journey continues
On this path of light
Remember always
Without a flame it's surely night

By: Brethren of Newtown Lodge No. 427

QUOTE OF THE MONTH

I would say there are three steps in Masonry. The first step is the ritual; the second step would be the fellowship to be taken and enjoyed; and the third step would be Masonic information for enlightenment or education.

William K. Bailey

Have a Safe and Happy Summer!

PA MASONIC YOUTH FOUNDATION AND POWER FIVE WEEKEND

On April 26th 2024, I had the honor to attend the Board of Directors meeting for the Pennsylvania Masonic Youth Foundation and was asked to attend the Power Five Weekend as the 8th Masonic District's Youth Chairman. During the Board meeting there were many topics that were discussed which I would like to briefly cover.

Youth Chairmen Expansion – PMYF is looking to expand the Lodge and District Chairman programs. These representatives assist in bridging the gaps between us (adults/Masons) and youth as well as creating two-way communications with the Youth.

PMYF Talking Points and Publication Distribution – The PMYF Talking Points will be starting up again shortly so keep an eye out for that email. If your lodge or district has anything they would like to submit, send the information over to Brother Dave Berry for publication.

Innovative / Creator Center – There is currently a proposal being looked at to convert the Mitcheltree Meeting Room at Patton Campus into an innovation center where members of the youth groups would be able to go and learn new skills such as video editing, photography, 3D Printing, and more. The proposal is still in the early stages, but this would be a very exciting resource for our youth.

PA Masonic Youth Education Endowment Fund Scholarships – This year there were 138 Total Submissions with 47 of the 67 counties in PA being represented. The downside for the 8th Masonic District is that there were less than 5 applicants from Bucks County. Please remember that applicants are not limited to Masonic Youth, in fact Master Masons can also apply as well as their children/grandchildren.

The Power Five Weekend – which was an ingathering of the 5 Youth Groups in Pennsylvania that PMYF Supports. Youth representatives came together for the first time in many years to discuss not only their own organizations and sharing their history, but what we as leaders can do to help get the word out about our groups and increase interest and membership.

The Power Five Weekend was an amazing experience, and I was able to meet and network with Youth Leaders (Adults and Children) from across the 5 Youth Groups across the Commonwealth. Each group was given 25 minutes to be able to show how their meetings are setup and give a little history of their organization, and a general update on what is going on in their space. There was a renewed/increased interest in Mental Health Awareness for the adults working with children while the young people had a session on Social Media Safety. There was also a session on Social and Emotional Learning Kit Initiatives which was not only eye opening, but a whole lot of fun. The weekend culminated in a PMYF sponsored trip to Urban Air where the kids had a great time bouncing, racing go karts and engaging with one another.

In all it was a great weekend where a lot was learned, and much fun was had.

Brother Kenneth B Shinn, P.M.
District Masonic Youth Representative