



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

October 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)

OCTOBER CALENDAR

- 3 Pilgrim Lodge Stated Meeting
Program: Order of the Amaranth
- 4 **Lodge 9 R.W.D.G.M. Visitation**
Program: Prince Hall Visit/Famous Visitors from the Past
- 9 Hermann-Humboldt Stated Meeting
Program: TBD
- 9 Newtown Lodge Stated Meeting
Program: Past Master Night
- 10 **Houseman Lodge Stated Meeting-DDGM Visitation**
Program: New Jersey Freemasonry-Comparison of Ritual and Customs to PA
- 11 Doylestown Lodge Stated Meeting Program: TBD
- 12 **Bristol Lodge Stated Meeting-DDGM Visitation**
Program: Can a Catholic Become a Freemason?
- 16 W.K. Bray-Southampton Lodge Stated Mtg.
Program: New Member Night
- 21 **8th Masonic District School of Instruction**
- 26 Academy of Masonic Knowledge, Elizabethtown

UNITY DAY SCHEDULED - CORRECTED

NOTE: The date and time of the event that was in the last edition was incorrect and is the corrected below. If you plan on attending, tickets are almost sold out.

On **January 25, 2025** the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania will be hosting a Unity Day at the Masonic Temple, Philadelphia. The event will be from **7:00 am-4:00 pm**. Special degrees will be presented by New York (EA), New Jersey (FC), Delaware (MM) and Pennsylvania (EA/FC & Installation of Officers).

This is a unique opportunity to enjoy fellowship with our Brothers in other jurisdictions. Tickets are \$75.00. Breakfast, Lunch and a commemorative gift are included. Tickets are limited. See details and QR code for tickets in *The Pennsylvania Freemason*, Summer 2024 edition.

NEW DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTER APPOINTED FOR 8TH MASONIC DISTRICT

Congratulations to Brother John P. Sellani, P.M., Newtown Lodge No. 427, who has been appointed to the office of District Deputy Grand Master of the 8th Masonic District by Brother Larry A. Derr, Right Worshipful Grand Master.

Bro. Sellani served as Worshipful Master of Newtown Lodge in 2022 and 2023. He is well known to many of the active Brothers, having traveled extensively to visit and support Lodges in the District.

His duties will begin on St. John's Day, December 27, 2024 at 12:00 pm. A DDGM Presentation will take place in January 2025 when he will be formally presented by the Grand Lodge to the District. The date is to be determined. The DDGM Presentation will be an Open Presentation for Masons and their families as well as non-Masons.

Bro. Sellani, P.M., is succeeding Brother Richard H. Bradbury, Sr., DDGM-8 who has "timed-out" of the office, having served the District for the maximum term permitted of ten years.

He will be accompanying the District Deputy Grand Master on his visitations to Lodges in the Fall. Please come out meet and congratulate Bro. Sellani on his new position.

FAKE FACEBOOK ACCOUNT FOUND

The Rich Bradbury II Facebook page is a fake. That page was created by an unknown person(s). Some Brothers have "Liked" or "Followed" the Rich Bradbury II Facebook page in error. Likewise, numerous "Friend Requests" had been sent out by someone using that page. I have also received "Friend Requests" from Brothers I know with the "II" following their name which are also fake, so this is apparently something going around. The incidents have been reported to Facebook for investigation and probable removal.

9TH ANNUAL CIGAR-B-QUE SETS RECORD

The Cigar-B-Que on September 8th set three records since its inception: 83 Brothers and friends attended; net proceeds being donated to Masonic Charities is \$3,545.00; and the year to date total donations now stands at \$15,190.24. Thank you for your continued support!

THIS MONTH IN HISTORY

October 11, 1968

The first staffed Apollo mission, Apollo 7, was launched with astronauts Bro. Walter M. (Wally) Schirra, Donn Fulton Eisele, and R. Walter Cunningham aboard. Bro. Schirra, who had been made a "Mason at Sight" by the Grand Master of Masons of Florida, carried several Masonic items with him on his Apollo 7 flight. Bro. Schirra also was the command pilot on the history-making Gemini 6 flight which made a rendezvous with the already orbiting Gemini 7 spacecraft, the first rendezvous of two manned, maneuverable spacecraft.

October 18, 1775

The Second Continental Congress of the United Colonies of North America issued orders that a fleet be fitted out in Delaware Bay to challenge the might of the most powerful navy in the world, the British. Esek Hopkins was given command of this tiny fleet, his flagship the Alfred, formerly a solid Philadelphia merchant man named Black Prince. Once Commodore Hopkins was piped aboard he ordered his first lieutenant Bro. John Paul Jones to raise the new banner, The Grand Union Flag, for the first time. Bro. Jones, who went on to an illustrious, adventurous career, died July 18, 1792.

GRANT DeVOLSON WOOD

(February 13, 1891-February 12, 1942)

Wood was an American artist and representative of Regionalism, best known for his paintings depicting the rural American Midwest. He is particularly well known for American Gothic (1930), which has become an iconic example of early 20th-century American art. He was born in rural



Iowa and following his graduation from high school went on to study art in Minnesota and Illinois until 1934. He then started teaching in the Midwest.

He was initiated passed and raised as a Freemason in May and June 1921, as a member of Mount Hermon Lodge No. 263 in Cedar Rapids. He was suspended for

non-payment of dues in March 1924. Grant Wood also painted a lesser-known Masonic Triptych, "The First Three Degrees of Freemasonry" which can be found in the Collection of the Grand Lodge of Iowa's Masonic Library and Museum, Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

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DID YOU KNOW?

How to Create Your PA Grand Lodge Online Account

Your Lodge is starting now to collect 2025 Dues. You can continue to send in a check or go online to pay them but a new auto payment system can be initiated by you to save the hassle and you know your annual dues are paid every year, on time.

It all starts by setting up your Member Account on the Grand
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Lodge system. From there you can set up autopay along with updating your information. You can also update your wife's information, so she can be contacted should something happen to you. Here are instructions on setting up your account and autopay:

- 1) Have your PA Masons Member # (8 digits)
 - a) You can get this from the label on your Freemasons Magazine or from your lodge secretary.
- 2) Go to PAgrandlodge.org
- 3) Click on the Member and Officer logon tab
- 4) Click on the sign up (blue link) and follow the prompts

Once you have an online account you can set up your profile and autopay:

- 1) Click on My Portal
- 2) Click on My Profile
- 3) Add Payment Method
- 4) Add credit card and you can select automatic payments, so that your dues are paid annually.
 - a) Please note that your credit card has an expiration date and you will need to check your profile from time to time in order to make sure the payment can go through and the card on file is not expired.

THE NORTHEAST CORNER

Those of us who have given any study to Freemasonry, and even those who have merely heard the ritual many times, know that Geometry and Astronomy play an important part in our rituals. What we may not know is that a great part of our Symbolism, which requires these sciences for its interpretation, is based upon beliefs that existed long before full development of these sciences.

The Northeast Corner is an example. Its Symbolism was ancient even at the time of the building of King Solomon's Temple. As the Lodge is symbolic of the world as pictured in ancient times, when it as believed to be an oblong square, so our Northeast Corner is symbolic of the northeast corner of that world as anciently mapped. It was the point in the annual course of the sun where it reached its northern limit, marking the summer solstice and the day of the year of greatest light. The youngest Entered Apprentice in the Northeast Corner stands near the Worshipful Master, who symbolizes the sun in the east, whence comes the light.

In some of the primitive religions the northeast corner was the seat of Deity and became a symbol of sanctity and virtue. Freemasonry retains that symbolism for its Northeast Corner when the Master informs the youngest Entered Apprentice of the tools and the Ancient Charge as he begins his journey.

In Operative Freemasonry the first stone was laid in the Northeast Corner, and thereon was erected a temple of other edifice, sturdy and of beauty. The youngest Entered Apprentice should use the Lessons and the Teachings of the Northeast Corner whereon to erect *his* Temple, temporal and spiritual, sturdy and of beauty.

The youngest Entered Apprentice in the Northeast Corner stands symbolically midway between darkness in the North and light in the East. It is his part to determine whether he will move backward toward darkness or forward to the light.

3-5-7 Minute Talks on Freemasonry, Elbert Bede