



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

John P. Sellani Sr. — District Deputy Grand Master

March 2025

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)

MARCH CALENDAR

- 1 Officer Training Brandywine Goddard-GV Registration
- 6 Pilgrim Lodge Stated Meeting—Bro. Moises I. Gomez My 9/11 Experience **District Deputy Grand Master Official Visitation**
- 7 Lodge 9 Stated Meeting - *Meaning of Certain Masonic Symbols*
- 8 Bristol Lodge Stated Meeting - *Centennial Celebration Speech*
- 9 **Daylight Savings Time Starts**
- 12 **FORMS DUE:** Notification of Members Pending Suspension due to DDGM
- 12 Herman Humboldt Stated Meeting Program –
Mozart Presentation
- 12 Newtown Lodge Stated Meeting Program- *Table Lodge*
(EA Degree)
- 13 Houseman Lodge Stated Meeting Program - *Sr Wardens Night*
- 14 Doylestown Lodge Stated Meeting Program- *Psychology of Decision Making-Bro Alexander Cabot*
- 15 **District 8 Lodge Audits Due**
Academy of Masonic Knowledge – Elizabethtown, PA;
Officer Training Lafayette Hill PA -GV Registration
- 17 8th Masonic District SOI – Lower Bucks Masonic Hall
St. Patrick's Day
- 19 W.K. Bray-Southampton Lodge Stated Meeting Program-
Masonic Orbs- Richard H. Bradbury Sr. PDDGM
- 29 **Region 1 Officer Training– Lower Bucks Masonic Hall -GV Registration**
- 31 **DUE:** TWO HARD COPIES OF AUDITS SIGNATURE PAGE
(with seal) AND TRUSTEE
- 31 Retention committee status results for lodges

DON'T MISS THESE EVENTS

2025 Annual Audit - RITS Office Hours

Need Help with your 2025 Annual Lodge Audit?
Join Live meetings by registering thru your Grand View Portal.
These sessions are hosted by our Regional IT Specialists.

Spring 2025 Lodge Officer Workshops

Register now. Officers who are currently elected or will be new for 2026 should attend: Worshipful Master, Senior Warden, Junior Warden. New 2026 Officers to be WM, SW and JW. Current Sr. Deacons with DDGM approval may also attend. **Online Registration closes one week prior to session.**

Academy of Masonic Knowledge Spring Symposium

Masonic Village at Elizabethtown
The Spring 2025 Symposium of the Academy of Masonic Knowledge will be held on Saturday, March 15, in the Freemasons Cultural Center at the Masonic Village at Elizabethtown. As part of the 25th Anniversary celebration, the Academy has come to an agreement with the producers of the documentary film "Join or Die" (available on Netflix) to do a special screening.

BIG "MACs"

Membership Awareness Committee

Brothers on the Membership Awareness Committee for 2025 are:

Timothy Main PM, Pilgrim Lodge No. 712

Paul Marini, Newtown Lodge No. 427

Daniel O'Rourke PM, Pilgrim Lodge No. 712

These Brothers are responsible for handling all District 8 membership inquiries that come to us via the Grand Lodge website. These are prospects that have expressed an interest in the fraternity and are looking for more information and ultimately connection. It is the MACs responsibly to contact the prospect, assess their interest and then determine the best lodge fit based on geographic location of the prospect. That prospect will then await contact from that Lodge's mentor chairman. These 'hot' prospects should be invited to a meeting, dinner or social event so they can meet lodge members and if a good fit, finally membership.

**THE MASONRY OF TOMROORW DEPENDS ON THE
MASONS OF TODAY**

PASSPORT IS BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND

Yes, you asked for it and now its back better than ever for 2025.

The District 8 Passports are back with a few minor twists. In order to receive the coveted "Passport Prize" members must complete the following items.

1. You must visit all eight (8) D8 Lodges in a calendar year.
2. Three (3) of those eight (8) Lodge visits must be extra meetings.
3. You must attend the School of Instruction six (6) times.
4. Must be validated by the WM of the Lodge or Principal at the School of Instruction.

Extra credit for attending a Youth Group Meeting and a Lodge meeting outside the District.

Pick up your Passport from the School of Instruction or at any of the District Deputy Grand Master's Visitations.

THIS MONTH IN HISTORY

March 6, 1775

In 1775 a man named Prince Hall and 14 other men of color were initiated into Freemasonry. This work was conducted by Sergeant John Batt of the Irish Militia Lodge No 441, attached to the 38th Foot of the British army. When the 38th Foot left Boston in the colony of Massachusetts three weeks later, Batt gave them a "Permet" which allowed them "to walk on St. John's Day" and "to bury their dead in manner and form." African Lodge No. 1 was born on July 3, 1775. In 1847 the African (or national) Grand lodge became Prince Hall Grand Lodge honoring the first Master of African Lodge. Since then many Prince Hall Masons have honored Prince hall as well as "Blue" Lodge Masonry and continue to do so as more and more Grand Lodge Jurisdictions world - wide grant them recognition. . The United Grand Lodge of England took a giant and historic step forward on December 14, 1994 when it resolved that "the Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Massachusetts should now be accepted as regular and recognized." The first Grand Lodge to recognize the Prince Hall Grand Lodge within their jurisdiction was the Grand Lodge of CT. Since that time 31 other Grand Lodges in the USA have accorded various types of recognition to the local Prince Hall Grand Lodges, the latest being Virginia.

HELP WANTED !

Are you retired, work shift work or have a flexible schedule and have a willingness to pay tribute to your Brother Masons? You may want to consider being a part of the 8th Masonic District Masonic Funeral Team. Recently there seems to be an increase of viewings and/or funerals for our departed Brothers occurring during the week and primarily in the morning hours. Unfortunately with many Brothers working during those times this results in low participation at the funeral and in some cases the Lodge finding it difficult to get the minimum of four Brothers together to act as Officers, much less any for the sidelines. We have a small pool of Brothers available to assist in the Masonic Funeral Service during the daytime hours, sometimes on short notice. While few in number at this time, they are strong in their dedication to our departed brethren. This pool will assist Lodges with filling the required Officer positions and show support on the sidelines. This WILL NOT replace a Lodge's responsibility to have Brothers qualified to present the service or relinquish Lodge members' obligation to attend when they are available or during the evening hours and weekends. Rather, this is to augment the Lodge's resources. If you often have time during the day please consider being part of this important initiative. To gauge interest, please email DDGM John Sellani at DDM08@pagrandlodge.org if you are willing when you are able. A list will be compiled and I will keep those volunteers updated if/when/how the team will function. Thank you for your help. This is one of the few times the profane get to see what we do...let's provide an excellent service and image as we pay our respects to our departed.

(Reprinted from PDDGM Richard H. Bradbury Sr.)

KIRKS KORNER

Common Ritual Mistakes

Deacons on the wrong side of the lights-The right side is the 'light side'!

SMC changing lights before degree is over. Advance in front of the altar, throw the sign, change lights.

WM kneels when candidate kneels, Hat on cushion, not on floor if possible, not on brim.

Right at the square, left at the chair

Masons have no thumbs and no right ear !

Remember one of the 7 habits of highly successful lodges is great ritual !