



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

April 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)

APRIL CALENDAR

- 3 Pilgrim Lodge Stated Meeting
Program: Race Cars
- 4 **Lodge 9 Stated Meeting-DDGM Visitation**
Program: Nat'l Autism Awareness Month
- 9 Hermann-Humboldt Lodge Stated Meeting TBD
- 9 Newtown Lodge Stated Meeting
Program: My Path to being a Cancer Survivor
Bro. Robert Soffel
- 10 **Housemann Lodge Stated Meeting-DDGM Visitation**
Program: Service Awards/ Family Night
- 11 Doylestown Lodge Stated Meeting
Program: Table Lodge
- 12 **Bristol Lodge Stated Meeting –DDGM Visitation**
Program: Masonic Sword Symbolism
- 12 **Sectional School of Instruction/Competition**
- 15 **TAX DAY**
- 20 Easter Sunday
- 21 **8th Masonic District School of Instruction**
- 23 W.K. Bray Southampton Stated Meeting
Program: PA Masonic Youth Foundation
- 29 **Annual Maxwell Sommerville Banquet**

When fisherman cannot go to sea, they repair nets
When the sea is too rough to sail, the smart ones don't wait-
they get to work. They mend their nets, sharpen their tools,
and prepare for the moment the storm breaks. Because even
in stillness, there's progress. It's not about sitting idle; it's
about building what's next.
@drex.dsgn

SAVE THE DATE

The Mighty Fifth District is proud to present Unlocking the Light: A Masonic Speakers' Event on Saturday, May 31, 2025, at the state-of-the-art Kennett Library Auditorium. We have confirmed three distinguished speakers for this event. Tickets are only \$40, which include access to the speakers, a continental breakfast and lunch served at the library. This event is open to all Master Masons.

Parking: Available in the library lot, on the street and at the public parking facility in the center of town.

Dress Code: Business Casual

Refund Policy: No refunds will be issued after May 15, 2025

Agenda

8:15 a.m. – Check-in and continental breakfast

9:00 a.m. – noon – Speaker presentations

Noon – 1:00 p.m. – Lunch on the library patio (weather permitting)

Fellowship & cigars to follow at Kennett Lodge

Registration details can be found on the "GL Event" page.

LETS PLAY BALL !!

Newtown Lodge No. 427 is hosting its annual

TRENTON THUNDER BALL GAME (Saturday August 30, 2025)

Tickets are \$36.00 per person and include a picnic menu in a climate controlled suite overlooking the field. These tickets sell out quickly every year.

For more information and to reserve your spot contact Thomas Gehring PM @ tgflyers2002@yahoo.com

THE IONIC RAILROAD DEGREE

SATURDAY MAY 3, 2025 8:00am-4:00pm

Tickets are now available online. Tickets are still \$40 each which includes lunch train ride, Master Mason Degree and the best fun & fellowship around. Tickets are limited. For more information contact Ronald Boice <captronboice@gmail.com>

DISTRICT 8 HOWIES HOUSE VOLUNTEERS

Joseph G. Coniglio
David Goldberg
Kyle Coppola

Daniel A. O'Rourke
Tim Irvine

We still have room for additional Bros to join us. For more information Contact DDGM08@pagrandlodge.org

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.

THE FREEMASONS COMMUNITY

Masonry teaches that we must be ever ready to relieve the distressed. This is not limited to financial aid, it may come in the form of a listening ear, a kind word or a helping hand.

Compassion binds us together, for we are all vulnerable at times.

In showing kindness to the unfortunate, we are not only aiding out fellow man, but we are practicing the virtues that will be needed when we, too, face hardship.

RAINBOW GIRLS CLOSET

The Pennsylvania Grand Assembly has started a closet being hosted at Patton Campus for girls who are in need of Rainbow Casual Clothing (khaki shorts, pants, skirts) and short white dresses and cannot afford them. This will be an ongoing endeavor for PA Rainbow to assist less fortunate girls across the state.

If you would like to donate new or used items of any size, please bring them to the District 8 SOI.

Contact Bro. Kenneth Shinn@kshinn@pagrandlodge.org

**ONE THING THAT YOU
CAN ALWAYS GIVE BUT STILL KEEP
IS YOUR WORD...**

DID YOU FORGET TO PAY YOUR DUES?

You have until the April Stated Meeting of your Lodge to remain a Brother in Good Standing. In the past months, Brothers have been contacting their Brothers who still have their 2025 Dues outstanding. You have likely received a letter, emails, a phone call or text which you did not respond to. Now is the time to take action...and it couldn't be easier. Dues can be paid by credit card online by logging onto the Grand Lodge website. If you have not yet registered online, you will need your membership number found on the mailing label of The Pennsylvania Freemason or by contacting your Lodge Secretary. Of course you can still pay by check but you will need to leave time for the U.S. Mail. Please take your membership in this great Fraternity seriously and with pride...be sure your dues are paid. This is the last year in which non payment of dues will be extended. Please be sure to contact your lodge if you are experience any difficulty or issue in paying dues.

KIRKS KORNER

7 Habits of Highly Effective Lodges

How many of the 7 habits does your lodge exhibit ?

Great ritual and ceremonial - core is in the ritual, delivered and understood by the candidate that new members aspire to emulate and attract visitors to the lodge. No perfect ritual but well-rehearsed to stimulate the candidate, it's instruction not theatrical performance.

Efficient Administration – streamline process what is a necessary formality but deliver in a slick and timely manner.

Active Support for New Members-more leisure options, doing more in the home, less likely to comply with Sr. lodge members if they don't know the reasons why. Symbols, teaching customs, planned and organized with mentors, what he wants not what the lodge thinks he needs.

Involvement of all Members- Build relationships and attract new members. Every PM should have a role, not a colared office but using your skills. Committee makeup and regular meetings build connections. Family activities build support.

Willingness to Evolve and Change- Allows us to stay fresh, attractive and relevant. Self-awareness and assessment of each lodge must be undertaken to stand out, otherwise they are just another lodge. Look for a niche that would make your lodge special. Daytime degree?

Harmony-ritual teaches us to build and maintain harmony. Nothing destroys a lodge more than disharmony. Sr Members have a responsibility to maintain harmony. Decisions should not be made by a select few but everyone should have the power to do so. Leadership and Harmony of the lodge is up to the WM!

Leadership from the Chair-Leadership is communication a way forward that others will follow vs management organization and discipline needs to get things done in a timely manner. Building a team approach gains trust and support so the WM can shine.
