



## 8<sup>th</sup> 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.

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*John P. Sellani Sr. — District Deputy Grand Master*

**May 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)

#### May Calendar

- 1 Pilgrim Lodge Stated Meeting  
Program: Rainbow Girls
- 2 Lodge 9 Stated Meeting  
Program: U.S. Coast Guard — Bro. Bradley J. Steutz
- 3 Ionic Lodge No. 31- *Railroad Degree (Tickets required)*
- 5 Cinco de Mayo
- 8 Houseman Lodge Stated Meeting  
Program: DeMolay/Knights of Pythagoras-Flower Talk
- 9 **D.D.G.M. District Officer Visitation—Doylestown**  
Lodge Program: Masonic Jeopardy (All WM, SW, JW to attend)
- 10 Bristol Lodge Stated Meeting  
Program: Potentate of Crescent Shrine.
- 11 Mother's Day
- 14 **D.D.G.M. District Officer Visitation**  
Hermann- Humboldt Lodge Program: TBD  
(All WM, SW, JW to attend)
- 14 Newtown Lodge Stated Meeting  
Program: Presentation of Scholarship Winners
- 19 **8<sup>th</sup> Masonic District School of Instruction**
- 21 W.K. Bray-Southampton Lodge Stated Meeting-  
Program: Short Talk Bulletin and its origin
- 26 Memorial Day Observance
- 31 **Restoration Program Ends**

### THANK YOU FROM DISTRICT 8

I would like to thank the Brethren who participated in the Sectional School of Instruction and also to thank those Brothers who attended the school to show their support and provide encouragement. Freemasonry is where men of all backgrounds unite under the banner of mutual respect and improvement. You provided an excellent example of that tenet !

### RESTORATION PROGRAM ENDING IN MAY

There is still time for your Lodge to participate and be recognized for your efforts before this program ends.

Lodge Recognition includes:

- Any lodge who restores one member will be recognized in The Pennsylvania Freemason and will receive a thank you gift from the Grand Master.
- The top lodges that successfully restore members will be invited to a special regional event hosted by the Grand Lodge officers and will be highlighted in The Pennsylvania Freemason.
- Lodges that continue to maintain ZERO suspensions will be recognized for their efforts in maintain positive membership in the fraternity

**Who Qualifies for Restoration?** Any member who was suspended or who resigned from the fraternity during the past year's dues cycle, with the lodge's approval.

**So please continue to reach out to current and suspended members this month**, and make them feel welcome to stay and to return. Your efforts do not go unnoticed, and are deeply and sincerely appreciated.

### DOYLESTOWN LODGE ANNUAL MEMORIAL DAY PANCAKE BREAKFAST

On Monday, May 26th, Doylestown Lodge will host their Annual Memorial Day Pancake Breakfast from 7:00 am-Noon. Enjoy an all you can eat pancake and sausage breakfast at the Doylestown Lodge, 55 E. State Street, Doylestown "across and down" from the County Theater. Adults - \$8, Children under 10 yrs.- \$4 and Children under 6 yrs.- Free.

After breakfast, bring your lawn chairs and stay to celebrate Memorial Day with an old fashioned small town parade starting at 10:00 am. Doylestown's Memorial Day Parade is the oldest in the country. All Master Masons are welcome to march in Masonic dress with the Brothers of the Lodge.

*Wishing You a Happy and Safe Memorial Day!*

## “MY CREED”



“To live as gently as I can,

To be, no matter where, a man;

To take what comes of good or ill;

To cling to faith and honor still;

To do my best and let stand;

The record of my brain and hand;

And then, should failures come to me;

Still work and hope for victory !

“To have no secret place wherein

I stoop unseen to shame or sin;

To be the same when I'm alone

As when my every deed is known.

To live undaunted, unafraid

Of any step that I have made;

To be without pretense or sham;

Exactly what men think I am”

*Anonymous*

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## HELP US REPRESENT FREEMASONRY AT THE BROAD STREET RUN

With spring upon us, we're gearing up for one of Philadelphia's most iconic events – the **Broad Street Run**, taking place on **Sunday, May 4th**. This event offers a great opportunity to raise awareness of our historic Temple and Masonic values while participating in a fun, high-energy civic event.

Over the past few years, lodges from District C have helped turn our presence at the race into a tradition. Last year, a passing runner shouted, “*You Masons know how to have fun!*” – a moment that truly captured the spirit of our involvement

Brethren from across the district are being asked to get involved by:

**Joining our Masonic Run Team, or Staffing our cheering section** outside the Temple to encourage the 40,000 runners passing by between 7:30 and 10:00 AM.

To express interest:

To join the **Masonic Run Team**, reach out to **Jerry Gallagher, PM** at 267-907-5437 or jergjr@gmail.com

For the **cheer squad**, please contact **WM Ricardo Vera** at 267-907-2917 or rickvera215@gmail.com\

We appreciate your support in spreading the word and helping make this another successful and visible Masonic effort in the heart of Philadelphia.

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## ESSAY PROGRAM

Lodges are again participating in the Lodge Essay Program as laid out by the RWGM. Lodges will complete their essay according to the following criteria. This is a great and unique opportunity for lodges to research the history and share those stories with their brethren as a program at the September Stated Meeting.

TOPIC: Who are the 3 most influential members of your lodge? Lodges should choose 3 members to profile, placing them in the three following categories:

- **MEMBER #1: Influential in the Community**
- **MEMBER #2: Influential in the Lodge**
- **MEMBER #3: Influential in Freemasonry in General.**

Please describe in detail how these brothers were/are influential in his category. Note – the selected members may be living or deceased.

Requirements: Essay should be 1000 – 1500 words Times New Roman Font Double Spaced Essay must have Cover Page detailing the Lodge Name, Number, Address, and Author (s)

All Essays **MUST** be Submitted to your DDGM **prior to June 1st**. The DDGMs will gather and submit all their Lodges' essays to the Academy Secretary.

Lodges are encouraged to present the essay at the September Stated Meeting of their Lodges as the Program for that Month.

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## KIRKS KORNER

As you may be aware, at the direction of the Grand Lodge, there will be a Statewide Ritual Competition this year. All Districts are required to participate as directed by RWGM Larry A. Derr. This year's ritual competition will be the examination of a visitor, after the Lodge is open, “visitors name is not known to any member or visitor”. It will require a minimum of 8 members/officers.

Worshipful Master  
Senior Warden  
Senior Master of Ceremonies  
Pursuivant  
Chairman of Examination Committee  
2nd Member Examination Committee  
3rd Member Examination Committee  
Visitor

Two Regions will be done in a day. All Districts in a Region will be done in either a morning or an afternoon. In our case, Region 1 will be done in the afternoon.

All Region 1 teams will compete in the afternoon of Saturday June 14, 2025. Region 2 will be in the morning.

Location for Region 1:  
Brandywine- Goddard Lodge No. 383  
360 East Lincoln Highway  
Coatesville, PA 19320

1pm – District 5  
1:30 – District 40  
2:00 – District 6  
**2:30 – District 8**  
3:00 – District B, C, D  
3:30 - District B, C, D (as needed)  
4:00 - District B, C, D (as needed)

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