



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.

Website: www.pa8thmasonic.com; Facebook: PA 8th Masonic District

John P. Sellani Sr. — District Deputy Grand Master

June 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)

June Calendar

- 4 Quarterly Communication—Masonic Village at Elizabethtown, PA**
- 5 Pilgrim Lodge Stated Meeting-TBD
- 6 Lodge 9 Stated meeting (**District visit rescheduled**)
Program: R.W. Bro. Moises Gomez-My 9/11 experience
- 7 Bristol Lodge Stated Meeting-*Program: The Cable tow*
- 11 Hermann-Humboldt Stated Meeting-TBD
- 11 Newtown Lodge Stated Meeting-*Program: Updating Latest Health Issues-Bro. Mason Smith*
- 12 Houseman Lodge Stated Meeting
Program: Rainbow Masonic Heritage-Flag Presentation
- 13 Doylestown Stated Meeting
Program: Widows Sons-Masonic Motorcycle Assoc. Bro. Jonathan Deluca P.M.
- 14 Flag Day
- 14 PA Lodge of Research Stated Meeting-Altoona Masonic Hall**
- 14 Ritual Competition-Examination of a Visitor-Brandywine Goddard Lodge**
- 15 Father's Day
- 16 **8th Masonic District School of Instruction**
- 18 W.K. Bray-Southampton Lodge Stated Meeting-TBD

THANK YOU FROM DISTRICT 8

I would like to thank the Brethren who attended the Ionic Lodge Railroad Degree. Fifteen brothers from the "Great 8" Masonic District traveled and boarded a train at the Wilmington & Western Railroad Greenback Station. The Master Mason Railroad degree was sponsored by the Grand Lodge of Delaware and conferred by Ionic Lodge No. 31. It was a great day of fellowship and instruction.

PENNSYLVANIA LODGE OF RESEARCH

The Pennsylvania Lodge of Research is a unique occurrence in the history of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, as this is the first Lodge constituted within our Jurisdiction solely for the purpose of Masonic study. The Pennsylvania Lodge of Research holds only two Stated Meetings each year, with Special Meetings to be held at the discretion of the Worshipful Master. Meetings are held at various Masonic sites throughout the Commonwealth.

The Pennsylvania Lodge of Research will be celebrating its 25th year in 2025. In an effort to accommodate more Masons in Pennsylvania, the mid-year meeting will be held in Central Pennsylvania - Altoona, on Saturday, June 14, 2025 at 10:00 AM at the Masonic Hall, 600 Jackson Avenue. Two speakers are scheduled: Jerry Hamilton will speak on the "Regius Poem or Halliwell Manuscript" and Ronald E. Stuver will present "Exactly Different - Masonry in Pennsylvania and Ohio". A special presentation from RWPGM Eugene Herritt for the 25th Anniversary of the Lodge of Research will be made. Lunch will be provided for a \$15 donation. The annual meeting will be held on December 13, 2025 at the Scottish Rite Center in Harrisburg at 9:00 AM. Scholarly papers are being prepared for presentation at these meetings. The Lodge is also supporting a special lecture to be presented at the upcoming Academy of Masonic Knowledge. All Masons are invited to join with us in our effort to seek greater light and knowledge.

Membership is open to all Master Masons who are members of Lodges recognized by the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania. To become a member of the Pennsylvania Lodge of Research please use this link to download a petition. The joining fee is \$75, and dues are \$25 per year. Both fee and dues (a total of \$100) must accompany the completed petition.

Questions regarding membership and petitions can be emailed to: Lodge.of.Research@pagrandlodge.org



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

The 10th Annual District Cigar-B-Que is scheduled for Sunday, September 21, 2025. More details to follow.



July 4, 2025

8:00am-5:00pm

Join the R.W. Grand Master on this solemn day of remembrance and celebration.

Bus tickets cost: \$20 per person (includes boxed lunch) Tickets are limited, buy early!

Veterans ride for free • Brethren are requested in full regalia

Transportation to Arlington National Cemetery: Two buses leave/returning from Masonic Village at Elizabethtown the day of the event or you can drive on your own.

Visit ArlingtonCemetery.mil/Visit to view parking options.

This event is open to members and spouses.

Visit go.pagrandlodge.org/4zxDdc to purchase bus tickets.

For additional information, contact Brother Joe Reuter at 717-577-0870 or jreuter@pagrandlodge.org

HAVE A SAFE AND HAPPY SUMMER !

As we close out the 1st half of this Masonic year, I wanted to take a few moments and share some of my experiences with the brethren of District 8. My visits to each lodge have been met with kindness, support and enthusiasm, for which I am grateful.

While each lodge will have its own challenges, as a District we face many of the same common challenges; increasing membership and attendance at our stated meetings, or filling the officers line. However, I have seen such genuine cooperation from the District when calls go out to assist another lodge, or for a brother who may be in need. Volunteers who step forward to join a District event or participate in a Sectional School of Instruction or even create a District website.

While each lodge has unique challenges, I am more convinced today than ever that we can overcome any of these obstacles provided we are "united as a band of Brothers", and in that spirit of who can best work and best agree.

Every Brother joins our Craft seeking something.

Some are drawn to the esoteric, or for philosophy and deeper knowledge, others to ritual and tradition, and some to the bonds of Brotherhood and service. The strength of a Lodge lies in recognizing these passions and providing a space where each man can contribute in a way that is meaningful to him.

Not everyone needs to be in the East to be an active productive member of the Fraternity or his lodge.

A Brother who finds purpose within the Lodge does not simply attend, he participates, he invests himself, and in doing so, he strengthens the entire fraternity.

I am looking forward to the 2nd half of 2025 and am honored to be your representative to the Grand Lodge of PA.

Continue to keep updated throughout the summer months for District and Grand Lodge events by checking out our website.

<https://pa8thmasonic.com/district-newsletters/>

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.

KIRKS KORNER

Freemasonry isn't an escape from the world. It's a transformation of how we see and shape it.

A Mason's journey is not about collecting degrees or mastering ritual for its own sake.

It's about the internal work that turns the ordinary into something sacred.

Every tool, every step, every lesson is a quiet push toward refinement, not of the world around us, but of the world within us.

We are not here to preserve stone; we are here to shape it.

And not just in the lodge room...

That transformation follows us home.

Into how we speak to others.

How we respond when no one is watching.

How we show up for our families.

How we make decisions when the easy way whispers in our ear.

The real alchemy of Freemasonry is not about turning lead into gold.

It's about taking what is raw, reactive, and habitual and turning it into something deliberate, thoughtful, and enduring.

A Mason doesn't move through life untouched.

He leaves a mark, but only after first allowing the Craft to leave its mark on him.

That's what elevates the everyday.

It's not ceremony.

It's not rank.

It's not reputation.

It's the quiet, consistent act of choosing to live by principles instead of impulse.

To the outside world, that might look small, but we know better...

That is the real *Work*.

So when the world feels dull, repetitive, and uninspired, ask yourself:

Am I shaping stone, or am I waiting to be shaped by whatever comes next?

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