



## 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. 712

Website: [www.pa8thmasonic.com](http://www.pa8thmasonic.com); Facebook: PA 8th Masonic District

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

September 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)

#### September Calendar

- 1 Labor Day
- 4 Pilgrim Lodge Stated Meeting- *Program: TBD*
- 5 Lodge 9 Stated Meeting—Scholarship/Family Night
- 6 ***Wheels of Togetherness-Masonic Car Show-  
Elizabethtown, PA***
- 6 Bristol Lodge Stated Meeting- *Program :TBD*
- 10 Hermann-Humboldt Stated Meeting- *Program :TBD*
- 10 ***Newtown Lodge Stated Meeting- DDGM Official  
District Visit (All WM, SW, JW to attend)***
- 11 Houseman Lodge Stated Meeting— *Program: Servant  
Leadership*
- 12 Doylestown Stated Meeting-*Program: PA Masons  
Outdoors— Bro. Tim Curran, P.M.*
- 15 ***8<sup>th</sup> Masonic District School of Instruction***
- 16 ***Newtown Lodge Annual Golf Tournament***
- 17 W.K. Bray-Southampton Lodge Stated Meeting- *Trustees  
and who can become one*
- 17 ***Lodge in the Woods-Newmanstown, PA,***
- 21 ***10th Annual District Cigar-B-Que –Newtown PA***
- 27 ***Doylestown Lodge 175th Banquet***
- 28 ***Masonic Vesper Service-Kingston PA***

### Welcome Back

I hope all of you had a wonderful summer break with friends and family and had a chance to recharge, reenergize and reengage. We have had many successful summer events and will continue with several more great events into the fall. I'm looking forward to visiting your lodges and sharing new and exciting information for the coming year.

### ANNUAL GRAND COMMUNICATION

We have a great opportunity this year to be part of a very unique Grand Communication. This celebration of our incoming RWGM will have an America's 250 theme surrounding the entire event. We will see the installation of a RWGS which hasn't occurred in 20 years ! The RWGM (with membership approval) has approved lodge funds to be used for members tickets and reasonable transportation costs.

I will be working with your WMs to reserve D8 tables.

**Annual Grand Communication**  
OPEN INSTALLATION OF BROTHER ROBERT D. BRINK  
AS R.W. GRAND MASTER

**Saturday, Dec. 27, 2025**  
Philadelphia Convention Center, 1101 Arch Street, Philadelphia, PA 19107

**SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

8 a.m. Business Meeting (members only)	5 p.m. Cocktail Reception
10 a.m. Open Communication & Installation of Grand Officers	6 p.m. Formal Banquet
1 p.m. Meet the Grand Lodge Officers Reception	

Entertainment: Honoring our country's 250th anniversary - Excerpts from *1776 The Musical* by The Walnut Street Theatre

Reservations are due by Dec. 1, 2025.

For tickets (\$175 per person), contact your District Deputy Grand Master or Brother Eric T. Downs at 610-883-3507 or [ddgm05@pagrandlodge.org](mailto:ddgm05@pagrandlodge.org).

Hotel details are forthcoming.

**Ladies and Friends are Welcome!**

PENNSYLVANIA  
**MASONS**

### It's Back !!

The 10th Annual District Cigar-B-Que is scheduled for Sunday, September 21, 2025. Visit the 8th Masonic District website for your reservation forms.

<https://pa8thmasonic.com/>

September 1st is the deadline for ticket reservations



## SAVE THE DATES FOR EDUCATION

The Academy of Masonic Knowledge Fall Symposium will take place on October 25, 2025 at 8:30 pm in Elizabethtown.

The PA Lodge of Research Stated Meeting is being held at the Valley of Harrisburg on December 13, 2025, 10:00 am.

Details can be found in the latest edition of The PA Freemason or the PA Grand Lodge website-Masonic Education tab or <https://pamasonicacademy.org> and <https://palodgeofresearch.org> respectively.

## THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING THE GRAND MASTER'S GOLF OUTING

Thank you to those Lodges who supported the Grand Master's Golf Outing to benefit his charity, the Masonic Blood + Organ Donor Program. Hole Sponsors: Lodge No. 9; Bristol Lodge No. 25; Hermann-Humbolt Lodge No. 125; Houseman Lodge No. 211; Doylestown Lodge No. 245 and Newtown Lodge No. 427. 8th Masonic District School of Instruction; DDGM-8 along with Doylestown and Newtown Lodges were Tournament Sponsors

## THE SANCTUM SANCTORUM

The phrase Sanctum Sanctorum comes from the Latin Vulgate translation of the Hebrew Kodesh HaKodashim, meaning "the Holiest of Holies." It was the innermost chamber of Solomon's Temple, entered only once per year by the High Priest on Yom Kippur—veiled, solemn, and forbidden. Within it stood the Ark of the Covenant: a gold-covered chest containing the Tablets of the Law, Aaron's rod, and a pot of manna. The space was unadorned, windowless, and silent. A place not of display, but of Presence. Not to be seen—only to be approached.

Esoterically, the Sanctum Sanctorum is not merely a room—it is a state. A symbol of the perfected soul, where the Divine Presence may dwell. Its veils represent the layers of the self that must be lifted through purification, discipline, and illumination. In Freemasonry, the Sanctum Sanctorum corresponds to the Master Mason's degree. It is the symbolic location of the death and resurrection of the spiritual self. Here, the lost Word is sought—the true Light buried in darkness. It is the chamber of inner rebirth.

Every temple, every Lodge, and every individual has a Sanctum Sanctorum. It is the innermost chamber of conscience, the secret heart where truth may be encountered. One does not "build" it—it is uncovered through labor, moral courage, and spiritual ascent. Thus, the Sanctum Sanctorum endures not as a place upon earth, but as a cipher of the soul's highest aspiration: union with the Divine. To enter it is to pass beyond form and symbol, beyond doctrine and dogma—into the ineffable silence where the Word abides.

Therein is the mystery: the holiest place is not found but becomes.

*Masonic Find 2025*

## THIS MONTH IN HISTORY

**September 20, 1870**

Italian troops under the leadership of Bro. Giuseppe Garibaldi took control of the Papal States, leading to the unification of Italy. He is lauded as an Italian patriot and hero of the Risorgimento, the movement for the liberation and union of Italy. In 1833 he joined Mazzini's revolutionary society, "Young Italy," and, after early reverses, took up the struggle for Italian freedom in 1848, bringing it to completion in 1870 when Italian troops freed Rome from Papal control. He was initiated in Lodge L'Ami de la Avertu, at Montevideo, in 1844. At one time he was a member of the French Grand Orient and became Grand Master of the Grand Orient of Palermo, 33." Freemasons were at the forefront of political change throughout Europe. Bro. Garibaldi himself made an explicit link between the Craft and his political vision. "Whenever there is a human cause, we are certain to find Freemasonry, for it is the fundamental basis of all true liberal associations. Forever I will pride myself on my Masonic connection." Bro. Garibaldi's 1860 autobiography was edited by Alexander Dumas who subsequently was made a Mason at Naples in 1862. Bro. George Routledge, who published the English translation of Bro. Garibaldi's book, was also a member of the Craft.

## KIRKS KORNER

Our illustrious Brother Ben said many profound things that still resonate today!

As we enter the second half of our Masonic year, I encourage all Brethren to attend the School of Instruction regardless of your current degree status, chronological age, or years of service in the Fraternity. Become involved in growing in the Craft and understanding current PA Masonic ritual and protocol.

Lodge officers, mentors and mentees along with lodge ritualistic instructors should be in attendance.

**"TELL ME AND I FORGET.  
TEACH ME AND I  
REMEMBER.  
INVOLVE ME AND I  
LEARN."**

**BRO BENJAMIN  
FRANKLIN**

