



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

December 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)

December Calendar

- 4 Pilgrim Lodge No. 712 Stated Meeting:
Program: Installations of Officers
- 5 Lodge No. 9 Stated Meeting: *Program: Installations of Officers*
- 10 Hermann-Humboldt No. 125 Stated Meeting:
Program: Installations of Officers
- 10 Newtown Lodge No. 427 Stated Meeting:
Program: Installations of Officers
- 11 Houseman Lodge Stated Meeting : *Program: Installations of Officers*
- 12 Doylestown Stated Meeting:
Program: Installations of Officers
- 13 **PA Lodge of Research**
- 15 **8th Masonic District School of Instruction**
- 17 W.K. Bray Southampton Lodge Stated Meeting:
Program: Installations of Officers
- 27 **St. Johns Day—GL Annual Communication**

**Wishing you all a Happy and Safe Holiday Season
and a Healthy New Year !**

Get R.E.A.D.Y. in 2026

R-Respect- Honoring Masonic traditions and each other

E-Education- Lifelong learning in Masonry and life

A-Action- Serving our communities with purpose

D-Dedication- Committed to our craft and brotherhood

Y-Youth- Inspiring and mentoring future generations

34th Annual Masonic Breakfast

Brethren,

Almost every January for the past 33 years, LuLu Shrine has hosted a Masonic Breakfast. We happily announce, that we have scheduled **January 24th for the 2026 event.**

This annual breakfast hosts an introduction of our new Grand Lodge officers including our Right Worshipful Grand Master to the Brother Masons of Region One.

This year we are inviting their Ladies as well.

The event offers an opportunity for our fellow Masonic Brothers and their Ladies to break bread with the officers and members of LuLu Shrine, the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, and hear directly from our Grand Master. We have been fortunate to have many other appendant Masonic Bodies participate and join us as well.

It gives the Shrine an opportunity to explain some of the positive values of our unique hospital system, some of the amazing breakthroughs in care, and offer reasons to belong and support it.

We sincerely hope that your Lodge family will support this event and ask that you share it with the Brethren.

Please contact Brother Davis for any questions
Gary Davis, P.D.D.G.M. Chairman 610-828-9050

***Brethren, please do not let your need for a ride
to a lodge meeting, be the reason you miss a
lodge event.***

***Give your Secretary or Worshipful Master a call
and they can work our transportation.***

We want to see you and miss your presence !

DID YOU KNOW?

The Tun Tavern The tavern was erected in 1686 at the intersection of King (later called Water) Street and Tun Alley by settler Joshua Carpenter, brother of Samuel Carpenter, a Quaker merchant who made a fortune trading in Barbados. Joshua Carpenter built the Tun on the carriageway that led to Carpenter's Wharf. Tun Tavern was named for the Old English word "tun", meaning a barrel or keg of beer. In the 1740s, a restaurant appellation, "Peggy Mullan's Red Hot Beef Steak Club" was added to the name of the tavern. Tun Tavern hosted the first meetings of a number of organizations. In 1720, the first meetings of the St. George's Society (a charitable organization founded to assist needy Englishmen arriving in the new colony) were held there. In 1732, the tavern hosted the first meetings of St. John's Lodge No. 1 and the birthplace of the PA Grand Lodge. In 1747 the Tun Tavern became the founding place of the St. Andrew's Society, which like the St. George's Society, helped newly arrived Scots. Tun Tavern was a significant meeting place for other groups and individuals. In 1756, Benjamin Franklin used the inn as a recruitment gathering point for the Pennsylvania militia as it prepared to fight Indian uprisings. In October 1775 a seven man Naval Committee including John Adams appointed by Congress met at the tavern and crafted articles of war to build America's first naval fleet. It called for two battalions of Marines able to fight for independence at sea and on shore. The resolution was approved on November 10, 1775, officially forming the Continental Marines. As the first order of business, Congress appointed Samuel Nicholas as Commandant of the newly formed Marines. Tun Tavern's owner and popular patriot, Robert Mullan, became his first captain and recruiter. They began signing up volunteers and were ready for action by early 1776. These first Marine recruiters were Freemasons, as was Nicholas's grandfather. Today, The Tun Legacy Foundation is working to rebuild and reestablish The Tun as it was, a functioning mariner's gathering place reminiscent of colonial Philadelphia, serving period-influenced refreshments, food, and entertainment and offering an educational experience through exhibits, historical documents, and special events. The new site is approx. 250 yards from the original location.

For more information visit thetun.org.

There will be many events in 2026 celebrating the 250th Anniversary of the Declaration of Independence.

<https://www.philadelphia250.us/>

CONGRATUALIONS TO DISTRICT 8 ELECTED AND APPOINTED OFFICERS

Saint John's Day next is rapidly approaching. The incoming Worshipful Masters are getting ready to start an exciting year in their lives. Being a Worshipful Master of a Lodge, is one of the most rewarding experiences in a man's life. Each incoming Worshipful Master has put together his plan for his term and how he is going to execute this plan. When they leave the East, their name will be listed among the Worshipful Masters that have gone before them as part of the Lodge history. They will become the men who care for the well that future generations will drink from. I look forward to working with all of you in the coming year.

Congratulations to all District 8 Officers.

KIRKS KORNER

The Guide

The Guide is responsible for helping a new member (candidate) navigate his journey through Freemasonry, focusing on his personal and educational development rather than just the ritual work. The Guide's duties include counseling the candidate before and after each degree, explaining the symbolic meaning and philosophy of the fraternity, and ensuring the candidate understands the lessons and traditions of Masonry. The Guide also helps the candidate prepare for any necessary examinations to advance in the degrees.

Responsibilities of a Masonic Candidate Guide

Provide guidance and counseling: A Candidate Counselor serves as a point of contact to advise the candidate on their Masonic experience.

- Explain Masonic teachings: The Guide helps explain the symbolic importance of the degrees and other teachings to the candidate.
- Assist with ritual work: In some cases, the Guide works with the candidate to prepare for examinations, though the specific ritual instruction is typically handled by a ritual coach.
- Explain history and philosophy: The Guide educates the candidate on the history and philosophy of the fraternity.

Duties of other officers and members

- Lodge Education Officer: Oversees the candidate's education program, assigns instructors, and monitors the quality of instruction.
- Instructors: Teach the candidate the ritual work required for each degree and provide instruction on its meaning and application.
- Ritual Coach: Instructs the candidate on the necessary ritual examinations to advance to the next degree.

Guiding can be one of the best ways to learn and become familiar with the ritual. The only requirement is that you are willing !