



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

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John P. Sellani Sr. — District Deputy Grand Master

January 2026

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)

January Calendar

- 3 Bristol Lodge No.25 Stated Meeting: *Program Examination of a Visitor & Funeral Service*
- 5 Pilgrim Lodge No. 712 Stated Meeting:
Program: Introduction of Officers and 2026 Agenda
- 8 Houseman Lodge No. 211 Stated Meeting:
Program: Introduction of Officers and 2026 Agenda
- 9 Lodge No. 9 Stated Meeting: *Program: Introduction of Officers and Brother Michael T. Kogan-Mozart*
- 9 Doylestown Lodge No. 245 Stated Meeting:
Program: Colonial Currency – Bro. Christopher J. Holmes
- 14 Hermann-Humboldt No. 125 Stated Meeting:
Program: Introduction of Officers
- 14 Newtown Lodge No. 427 Stated Meeting:
Program: Introduction of Officers :The Eye In The Pyramid
- 19 8th Masonic District Board of Governors Meeting**
- 21 W.K. Bray Southampton Lodge No. 410 Stated Meeting: *Program: Introduction of Officers and the EA Charge*
- 24 Lu Lu Shrine Breakfast**
- 31 Bristol Lodge No.25 Stated Meeting: *Program Masonic Jeopardy*

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

ARE YOUR DUES PAID?

Dues represent one's fixed and regular indebtedness to his Lodge which he placed himself under obligation to pay when he took his Oath & Obligation. Have you upheld your Oath & Obligation? If not, please pay them now ! Thank you.

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

Brethren,
As we enter a new year of labor, let us unite under the theme **GET R.E.A.D.Y. in 2026**, a reminder of the values that strengthen our Lodge, our Brotherhood, and the communities we serve.

R – Respect

Let us honor the sacred traditions of our Craft and show respect to every Brother. Through patience, understanding, and Brotherly Love, we keep the spirit of Masonry alive.

E – Education

Masonry calls us to be lifelong learners. Whether studying ritual, symbolism, or improving ourselves in daily life, may we continue to seek light and share that light with others.

A – Action

Our principles are most powerful when put into practice. Let us serve our communities with intention—helping where we are needed and standing as examples of integrity and compassion.

D – Dedication

The strength of our Lodge depends on the dedication of its members. May each of us recommit to our obligations, our attendance, and our participation in the work of the Craft.

Y – Youth

Our future depends on those who come after us. Let us support, mentor, and inspire the next generation—encouraging their growth in leadership, morality, and service.

Brethren, as we prepare for the year ahead, let us **GET R.E.A.D.Y.** to build, to support, and to shine together. May our efforts in 2026 reflect the best of who we are as Masons.

DID YOU KNOW?

The Lodge may have four walls, but your journey as a Mason doesn't stop at the Tyler's sword.

We call ourselves traveling men for a reason.
Because learning, reflecting, and connecting with Brothers doesn't just happen in tiled rooms.

It happens in coffee shops, quiet car rides, late-night texts, and yes, even online.

Some of the most meaningful Masonic insights come when you least expect them.

A line from ritual hits differently in a tough season. A conversation with a Brother you've never met in person opens a new perspective. A shared symbol reminds you you're not walking this path alone.

This is how Masonry stays alive, through connection. And while nothing replaces the Lodge, it's the relationships *beyond* it that keep many of us grounded, growing, and accountable.

Truth is, the Lodge travels with you. Where you go, it goes. Because it's not just a building. It's a bond. Online, in person, in Lodge, or wherever else the journey takes you.

Because real Masonic growth doesn't happen in isolation, it happens when Brothers learn, share, and stay accountable together.

Masonic Find

THIS MONTH IN HISTORY

January 10, 2001

US President Bill Clinton unveiled a statue of the late President and Bro. Franklin Delano Roosevelt seated in his wheelchair.

The unveiling which took place at the FDR Memorial in Washington, DC ended an emotional six-year campaign led by disability advocacy groups to show the 32nd President as he lived, not as he portrayed himself to the public.

The life-size bronze statue shows FDR's upturned face beaming the faith and optimism that inspired the nation during the Great Depression and World War II.

It is at ground level. Its small scale, in stark contrast, to the larger than life-size Lincoln and Jefferson monuments nearby, is designed to show the humanity of the man and the personal difficulties he overcame.

Robert Graham of California is the sculptor.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE NEW LODGE OFFICERS

Congratulation to the incoming Masters and Officers of the Lodges in the 8th Masonic District. Please note the Board of Governors Meeting will be held on Monday, January 19, 2026 at the Lower Bucks Masonic Hall, Edgewood and Heacock Roads, Woodside, PA.

All WMs and their Wardens are expected to attend.

Please attend your Lodge's January meeting and congratulate them in person.

LULU SHRINE ANNUAL MASONIC BREAKFAST SEATS AVAILABLE

The 33rd Annual breakfast honoring the R.W. Grand Master, Bro. and Noble Robert D. Brink will be held on January 24, 2026 at 10:00 am. The 8th Masonic District will have a table of 10 for the event. Seats will be on a first come, first reserved basis. If you are interested, the cost is \$15.00/pp. Contact DDGM Sellani to reserve your seat at the table.

KIRKS KORNER

THE WARDENS

The name, "Warden," is derived from the Saxon word, "weard", meaning warder or guard. The "gu," instead of "w," comes from the Norman French, where the "gu" sound usually replaces the English "w".

In the lodge at York Minster in the 1300s, there were two principal officers, principal and secondary masons, who were responsible for notifying the building owner of any defects in the work and of any absences, which needed deductions from wages.

The agreement between the lodge and the Dean and Chapter refers to them as Masters of the masons. In 1370, the Chapter records show a mason had to be approved by the common assent of the Master and Wardens of the work and by the Master Masons before he could be employed. During the 1400s, there are regular references to a Warden or Wardens of the lodge.

It was not uncommon for the Warden to be promoted to Master to fill a vacancy.

In English practice, the Master appoints Wardens. In Scotland, New Zealand and most American jurisdictions, the Wardens are elected.

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