



# 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*

February 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)

### February Calendar

- 5 Pilgrim Lodge No. 712 Stated Meeting:  
*Program: USA Theme Bingo Night*
- 6 Lodge No. 9 Stated Meeting: *Program: Table Lodge*
- 11 Newtown Lodge No. 427 Stated Meeting: *Program*  
*Yasser Al-Khatib D.D.G.M. District 6-Masonry in*  
*the Middle East D.D.G.M. District Officer Visitation*  
***All WM, SW, JW to attend***
- 11 Hermann-Humboldt No. 125 Stated Meeting: ` *Program: TBD*
- 12 Houseman Lodge No. 211 Stated Meeting: *Program*  
*Conducting the Memorial Service*
- 13 Doylestown Lodge No. 245 Stated Meeting:  
*Program: Five Star General Hap Arnold, 33rd*  
*Mason and Architect of the U.S. Air Force –*  
*Leonard Bezar*
- 16 ***8th Masonic District School of Instruction***
- 18 W.K. Bray Southampton Lodge No. 410 Stated  
Meeting: *Program: The FC Charge and meaning*
- 28 ***Past Masters Breakfast - Erwins Country***  
***Kitchen***
- 28 Bristol Lodge No. 25 Stated Meeting: *Program*  
*Understanding Dyslexia– Myths vs, Facts*

***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? *There will no longer be extensions until April.*

### Semiquincentennial Celebrations SAVE THE DATES

Celebrate Pennsylvania Freemasonry's Role in America's Founding - Philadelphia, PA

#### FRIDAY, APRIL 24, 2026

8 p.m. Special Showing of  
"1776 The Musical"

at the historic Walnut Street Theatre  
Limited Availability -  
Ticket Details Forthcoming



#### SATURDAY, APRIL 25, 2026

Morning — Tours of the Masonic Temple  
1 p.m. — Academy of Masonic Knowledge  
Dr. Ric Berman, Speaker  
2 p.m. — Panel Discussion with Dr. Berman,  
Chris Ruli and more!  
4 p.m. — Final Liberty Tree Dedication Ceremony  
at Washington Square, followed by a Special  
Event at Independence Hall  
7 p.m. — Gala Celebration in the  
Masonic Temple Grand Ballroom  
Ticket Details Forthcoming  
<https://america250.org/>

## DID YOU KNOW?

One of the great misunderstandings about Freemasonry is that the lessons are handed to you.

They're not. They're placed *around* you (in symbols, in rituals, in tradition) waiting to be understood.

But that understanding doesn't come by simply attending meetings or memorizing lines.

It comes through effort. Curiosity. Research.

If you want to get the most out of Freemasonry, you have to dig.

Not recklessly. Not to chase secrets.

But patiently and consistently, to find the meaning beneath the form.

Because the surface of the Craft is beautiful, but the depth is where transformation happens.

It's what separates the passive observer from the engaged Mason.

It's how you connect the dots between degrees, symbols, obligations, and daily life.

It's where you start to see that everything in Freemasonry is connected, not by accident, but by intention.

So if you've been meaning to dig deeper, DO IT—

You don't need to know everything.

But you *do* need to care enough to look.  
~ *Masonic Find*

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## THIS MONTH IN HISTORY

February 24, 1803

In the case of *Marbury vs. Madison*, Bro. John Marshall's U.S. Supreme Court ruled that the final interpreter of constitutional issues is the Supreme Court. This ruling set an important precedent allowing judicial review of the constitutionality of laws. Just as George Washington helped shape the actual form that the executive branch would take, so the third chief justice, Bro. John Marshall, shaped the role that the courts would play. The new chief justice, John Marshall's decision in this case has been hailed as a judicial tour de force. In essence, he declared that the Judiciary Act of 1789 gave the Supreme Court the power to issue writs of mandamus exceeding the authority allotted the Court under Article III of the Constitution, and was therefore null and void. yet would not create a situation in which a court order would be flouted. Bro. Marshall was a member of Richmond Lodge 13, Richmond, VA.

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## THE 8th Masonic District Board of Governor's Meeting

The Board of Governors Meeting of the 8th Masonic District was held on January 19, 2025. For those who may not be familiar, the Board of Governors is composed of the

Worshipful Masters and elected officers of the District, along with the District Deputy Grand Master. During this meeting, plans and the R.W.G.M. initiatives for the coming year were discussed, as well as the implementation of our District goals. I extend my sincere thanks to everyone who participated, and I will continue to share pertinent information at the monthly SOI and throughout the year with your Worshipful Masters.

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## WHO AM I?

Five Hundred begins it, five hundred ends it,  
Five in the middle is seen;  
First of all letters, first of all figures,  
Take up their stations between.  
Join all together, and then you will bring  
Before you the name of an eminent king. Who am I?  
(Clue: Roman numerals)

*Answer: DAVID*

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## KIRKS KORNER

### SPEAKING OF AWARDS

Did you know the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania offers three type of awards for members to attain? The awards are geared to Masons who are in various stages of their Masonic Journey. They are:

**Master Builder Award** – to recognize newly made Masons who have worked diligently to engage in the activities of their lodge, their district and the fraternity as a whole.

**Master Craftsman Award** – for brothers who are Master Masons for more than one year. The program consists of educational and volunteer requirements that will help both the Lodge and the Brother grow.

**Master Pillar Award** - the highest achievement recognition possible. In addition to the requirements of the Master Craftsman award the Brother must serve his Lodge as an elected officer and confer all three Masonic Degrees. Continue your Masonic Journey by taking advantage of one these education and fellowship opportunities.

To learn more about these programs: Details and requirement can be found on the Grand Lodge website: <https://pagrandlodge.org/resources/honors-and-awards>.

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