



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

May 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)

May Calendar

- 1 Lodge No. 9 Stated Meeting: *Program: TBD*
- 2 **Delaware Train Degree:** For information go to <https://www.ionic31.org/events-2>
- 7 Pilgrim Lodge No. 712 Stated Meeting:
Program: How Philadelphia Neighborhoods got their Names.
- 8 **Doylestown Lodge No. 245 Program:** *Brothers George Washington and Marquis de Lafayette: How they exemplified Masonic principles in the founding of our country – Craig Brody (District Officer Visitation All WM, SW, JW to attend)*
- 13 Hermann-Humboldt No.125 Stated Meeting:
Program: TBD
- 13 Newtown Lodge No. 427 Stated Meeting: *Program: Life-Giving Darkness (Why is the North Side of the Lodge Room Dark? -Bro. Anthony Dintino III*
- 14 Houseman Lodge No. 211 Stated Meeting:
Program: Ben Franklin Presentation
- 18 **8th Masonic District School of Instruction:**
****(Dinner at 6pm meeting 7pm this month only)***
- 20 W.K. Bray-Southampton Lodge No. 410 Stated Meeting: *Program: Scottish Rite-Sergei Arhipov, PM*
- 25 *Memorial Day*
- 30 Bristol Lodge No.25 Stated Meeting: *Program: Brother Mason Smith –Diabetes (Rescheduled District Officer Visitation to fall)*

YOUNG WASHINGTON

Our RWJGW Eric T. Downs wanted to share an event that he put together for the surrounding Districts to share and enjoy. A private screening for the movie **Young Washington** at the Movie Tavern in Exton on Sunday, July 12th at 4:00 p.m. The details for the event are below. The seating is limited to 100 attendees and would be a good opportunity to invite perspective members and show our connection to America 250.

DETAILS:

Join us for a private screening of **Young Washington** on **Sunday, July 12 at 4:00 PM** at **Movie Tavern in Exton**, located at **110 Bartlett Ave, Exton, PA 19341**. This special event is open to **Masons, friends, and family members**, and it is a great opportunity to invite **prospective members** for an enjoyable afternoon together.

Ticket price is \$15 per person and covers admission to the movie only. The theater will open for seating at **3:30 PM**, and **attendance is limited to 100 guests**, so early ticket purchases are encouraged.

Before the legend... there was the trial.

Before the portrait. Before the presidency. Before history carved his name into stone... there was a young man forced to choose courage over comfort, duty over ease, and purpose over fear. This is more than a screening. It is a story of conviction, sacrifice, leadership, and the kind of character that is forged under pressure. For Brothers who believe a man is built, not born... **Young Washington** is a film worth seeing together.

THE TWENTY-FOUR INCH GAUGE

In some Jurisdictions Freemasons are taught that the Twenty-four Inch Gauge is divided into three equal parts. While the gauge of the operative mason always has been and always will be divided into three equal parts,

I believe our Symbolism is better when we merely divide our Symbolic Gauge into three parts, without an arbitrary measurement for each part. Masons should themselves be able to divide their time in a way that becomes Masons. Certainly they should not be limited in the time given to the service of God and a distressed worthy Brother.

A point that may have escaped many Freemasons is that our explanation of the Twenty-four Inch Gauge leaves no wasted time. Even the time given to healthful refreshment and sleep is not wasted, for it better prepares the Mason for his service to God and to his Brethren, as well as for his usual vocations.

Rather than idle time, there are not hours enough in the day for the Mason who seriously considers the Lessons and Symbols which have been presented to him and gives to them the time required to understand and exemplify them.

If the Twenty-four Inch Gauge teaches anything, it teaches that the Freemason's day should be a full one, with no time frittered away to no purpose. Most of us need to give the Symbolism of the Twenty-four Inch Gauge more serious consideration.

3-5-7 Minute Talks on Freemasonry, Elbert Bede

DOYLESTOWN LODGE ANNUAL MEMORIAL DAY PANCAKE BREAKFAST

On Monday, May 25th, Doylestown Lodge will host their Annual Memorial Day Pancake Breakfast from **7:00 am -Noon**. Enjoy an all you can eat pancake and sausage breakfast at the Doylestown Lodge, 55 E. State Street, Doylestown "across and down" from the County Theater. **Adults - \$8, Children under 10 yrs.- \$4 and Children under 6 yrs.- Free.**

After breakfast, bring your lawn chairs and stay to celebrate Memorial Day with an old-fashioned small-town parade starting at **10:00 am**. Doylestown's Memorial Day Parade is the oldest in the country.

All Master Masons are welcome to march in Masonic dress with the Brothers of the Lodge.

THIS MONTH IN HISTORY

May 12, 1937

Bro. George VI (Bro. Albert Windsor) was crowned King of England, following the abdication of his brother Bro. Edward VIII. His coronation was the first ceremony of this magnitude to be televised. The actions of Bro. and King George VI and the royal family during World War II were perceived as courageous by their English subjects, George VI remained king until his death in 1952: He was initiated in Naval Lodge No. 2612 in December, 1919. In 1922 he was appointed Senior Grand Warden of the United Grand Lodge of England, and in 1924, Provincial Grand Master for Middlesex. In 1936, he became Grand Master Mason of Scotland and affiliated with the lodge of Glamis, Scotland. He was a very active Mason in his life. Said he of Masonry: "The world today does require spiritual and moral regeneration. I have no doubt, after many years as a member of our Order, that Freemasonry can play a most important part in this vital need."

KIRKS KORNER

Freemasonry is built on a deliberate pace.

Its teachings are not meant to be consumed quickly or understood all at once.

They unfold through repetition, reflection, and sustained involvement.

The process is steady because real change is steady. There is no shortcut built into the system.

But many men approach it with the wrong expectation...

They look for immediate clarity, rapid progress, or a single defining moment that justifies their involvement...

When that moment does not arrive, they disengage.

But what they fail to recognize is that Masonry is not an event; it is a process that only reveals itself over time. **Consistency is the dividing line.**

The man who shows up, listens, reflects, and returns again begins to see patterns form.

The symbols connect. The structure makes sense.

More importantly, his thinking begins to change in ways that are subtle at first, then undeniable.

Those who leave early never reach that point.

They step away just before the work begins to take hold.

Masonry works precisely *because* it demands time.

And time, when used correctly, is what transforms understanding into discipline.

The real failure is not in the Craft, it is in walking away before it has the chance to do its work.

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