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

September 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)

September Calendar

3	Pilgrim Lodge No. 712 Stated Meeting: *Program: History of the PA Turnpike– J.Jones-Sevier; K.Jones -Gin*
4	Lodge No. 9 Stated Meeting: *Program: Family Night and Scholarship Presentations*
7	***Labor Day***
9	Hermann-Humboldt No.125 Stated Meeting: *Program: TBD*
9	Newtown Lodge No. 427 Stated Meeting: *Program: Hollywood Version of the American Cowboy-Bro. Barry Oppenheim*
10	Houseman Lodge No. 211 Stated Meeting: *Program: Freemason Astronauts* ***(District Officer Visitation: All WM, SW & JW to attend)***
11	Doylestown Lodge No. 245 Stated Meeting: *Program: John Fitch Steamboat Museum*
11	***DDGM Weekend-Seven Mountains Camp***
14	***Newtown Lodge Annual Golf Tournament***
16	W.K. Bray-Southampton Lodge No. 410 Stated Meeting: *Program: Autism Awareness-Brian Focht*
19	***Reg. 1 Officer Training Session-Royersford PA***
20	***11th Annual-8th Masonic District 8 Cigar-B-Que***
21	***8th Masonic District School of Instruction***
26	Bristol Lodge No.25 Stated Meeting: *Program: Masonic Aviation-Bro. Doug Edge*
26	***Reg. 1 Officer Training Session-Norristown PA***

WELCOME BACK, BRETHREN

I would like to welcome all of our Brethren back from the summer recess. I hope you had the opportunity to relax, recharge, and reconnect with family and friends.

I can tell you from personal experience that this summer flew by. From participating in America 250 events to welcoming Brethren from the Grand Lodge of California and Brothers from around the world during our July gatherings, or Bridging Brotherhood with our NJ neighbors, it was a wonderful season filled with fellowship and the exchange of ideas.

While many of these events were formal in nature, there was also time to enjoy one another's company in a more relaxed setting. Golf tournaments, picnics, and Movies Under the Stars were just a few of the activities that many of you participated in, helping to strengthen the bonds of our Brotherhood.

As we begin the second half of the year, I look forward to resuming my lodge visits and reconnecting with many of you. I will also be sharing some exciting new information and initiatives as we continue moving our District forward together.

Thank you, for your support of your lodges, our District, and our Fraternity. Your dedication and commitment are what make our Craft strong, and I look forward to seeing you in lodge soon.

CIGAR-B-QUE SEPTEMBER 20, 2026

Don't miss this annual event that brings us together for great fellowship while raising funds to support Masonic Charities. It's always a memorable occasion, and we'd love to see you there!

Don't wait until the reservation deadline—send in your reservation today and be part of this special event.

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10 IDEAS FOR A BETTER MASONIC LIFE

There's no manual for living well as a Freemason. The ritual teaches principles. The degrees hand you symbols.

But the gap between what the Lodge gives you and what you actually do with it is left entirely to you.

After years in the Craft, here's what I think filling that gap actually looks like.

1. Prepare your mind before every Masonic experience:
Not just the ritual. Every meeting, every lecture, every conversation with a Brother worth having.
Arrive ready, not just present.

2. Reflect deeply on every lesson you receive:
The degrees hand you more than any man can absorb in one sitting. Go back. Sit with it. Let it work on you over time.

3. Study continually:
The Craft rewards the man who keeps digging.
There's always another layer, another meaning, another question worth asking.

4. Apply what you learn every day:
Not in Lodge. At home. At work. In the decisions nobody else will ever know you made.

5. Let virtue become habit:
A virtue practiced only when convenient isn't really a virtue. It's a performance.

6. Build others, not just yourself:
The man who uses Freemasonry purely for personal development is missing half the point.
The Craft was built on relief. On service. On making the men around you better.

7. Live with the end of life in view:
The third degree makes this unavoidable. But most men leave Lodge and forget it by morning. Keep it in mind. It sharpens everything.

8. Leave a legacy of character:
Not titles. Not offices held. The standard you set. The Brothers you influenced.
The version of the Craft you passed forward.

9. Never stop learning:
The man who thinks he has Freemasonry figured out has stopped being a Mason in any meaningful sense.

10. Remember that becoming a Mason is not the goal. Becoming a better man is:
The initiation was the invitation. Everything after is the work.

~ MasonicFind

NEWTOWN MASONIC LODGE GOLF OUTING
STILL TIME TO REGISTER

On September 14, 2026 Newtown Lodge is holding their Charity-Scholarship Golf Outing at Middletown Country Club Langhorne PA, with a 1:00 pm shotgun start. Cost is $125.00 per golfer. Money raised from the event will go toward the Charity-Scholarship Fund. Sponsorships are available: Hole Sponsor-$125.00, Dinner Level Sponsor - $250.00 and Event Sponsor-$500.00. For questions or information, contact Brother Miles Bodnar P.M. , 215–970-8309 or secy0427@pagrandlodge.org

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Regions 1 & 7 Regional School of Instruction

The 2026 Fall Regional Instructional School will be a Joint School held at the Allentown Masonic Temple located at ***1524 West Linden Street Allentown on Saturday November 14th.*** Ritual will begin promptly at 8:30 am. Registration for this can be found on the Grand Lodge page under events for Region 1.

(Log on "My Portal" and click on "Events"

KIRKS KORNER

4 QUESTIONS FOR MASONIC REFLECTION

There's a step between the ceremony and the change that most Masons quietly skip.
Reflection.
Not journaling.
Not meditation in the modern sense.
Just honest, uncomfortable questions asked in private with nobody around to perform the answers for...

1. What kind of man am I becoming?
Not the man I plan to become when life settles down.
The one I'm becoming right now, through the small decisions that don't feel significant in the moment but add up to something over a decade.

2. What habits actually define me?
Because most men would find, if they looked honestly, that their habits and their values are telling two different stories.

3. Am I actually living what I claim to believe?
This is the one worth sitting with longest...
It's easy to agree with principles in a Lodge room surrounded by Brothers and ritual and the weight of tradition.
It's another thing entirely to apply them at home on a bad evening or at work when cutting a corner would cost you nothing and nobody would ever know.

4. Am I preparing for death by living well today?
Freemasonry has never been shy about mortality.
The degrees make that clear.
But the point was never really about death.
It was always about the life being lived in front of it.
These questions don't need a ceremony or a special occasion.
They need ten minutes and the willingness to answer honestly.
That's what converts ritual into something that actually changes a man.
Without that step, the philosophy stays interesting but distant....
Like a book you enjoyed but can't quite remember six months later.

~ MasonicFind.