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

October 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)

October Calendar

1	Pilgrim Lodge No. 712 Stated Meeting: *Program: Halloween Trivia*
2	Lodge No. 9 Stated Meeting: *Program: Celebrate 246 years – Past Masters Night-**D.D.G.M. Visitation***
3	***Reg. 1 Officer Training Session– Community Lodge No. 744 - Broomall PA***
8	Houseman Lodge No. 211 Stated Meeting: *Program: Senior Warden Night*
9	Doylestown Lodge No. 245 Stated Meeting: *Program: Modern Lessons for Protecting the Craft-**D.D.G.M. Visitation***
12	***Prince Hall Grand Lodge Communication-KOP***
14	Hermann-Humboldt No.125 Stated Meeting: *Program: TBD*
14	Newtown Lodge No. 427 Stated Meeting: *Program Past Masters Night*
17	***Reg. 1 Officer Training Session– Newtown Lodge No. 427-Woodside PA***
17	***W.K. Bray-Southampton Lodge No. 410 Banquet***
19	***8th Masonic District School of Instruction***
21	W.K. Bray-Southampton Lodge No. 410 Stated Meeting: *Program: Past Masters Night*
24	***Academy of Masonic Knowledge-Elizabethtown***
24	Bristol Lodge No.25 Stated Meeting: *Program: Octoberfest-German Dance Night*
24	***Dyslexia Dinner-Allentown Masonic Temple***

Capital Investment Plan for the Masonic Temple

As announced at the June Quarterly Communication and noted in the Summer Freemason Magazine, several changes to Masonic Law have been proposed for action at the December Quarterly Communication in Altoona .

By Order of the Right Worshipful Grand Master, the 2027 dues notices (being sent in September 2026) will include the first $10 annual member assessment dedicated to preservation and capital improvements at the Masonic Temple in Philadelphia.(40M to be spent over the next 10 years)

As previously communicated by the R.W. Grand Treasurer, the Grand Lodge dues amount of ***$53.50*** will be reflected in your dues invoices for the 2027 dues year.

"To have been a Member of the Fraternity which has … erected the New Masonic Temple … is to be identified with one of the greatest works ever carried on by Masons in any part of the world, or in any age of its history …"

– From the report of the Building Committee upon completion of the Masonic Temple.

YOU CAN STILL COMPLETE YOUR PASSPORT!

Many of the Brothers picked up a Passport to Fellowship in the 8th Masonic District earlier in the year. Now that Lodges have returned to labor, don't forget to pick up where you left off!
There is still time to complete the requirements in order to get the District Traveling Pin. Check the schedule for Stated Meeting dates of the Lodges you still need to visit. The Lodge Extra Meetings are posted on the District Calendar found on the website: www.pa8thmasonic.com as soon as the Lodge meeting notice is sent out.

A HEARTFELT THANK YOU

As I reflect on another successful District 8 Cigar-B-Que, I want to extend my deepest and most sincere appreciation to everyone who came out and shared in this special evening of Brotherhood, fellowship, and charity.

Events such as this do not happen without the time, effort, and generosity of many Brothers. To all of the volunteers who worked before, during, and after the event, thank you. To each of our Lodges that supported the District's efforts, and to every Brother and guest who attended, your support is truly appreciated.

More importantly, your participation helps us carry out one of the most important principles of our Craft — helping those in need and making a difference in the lives of others. The fellowship we enjoy as Masons is made even more meaningful when it allows us to give back to our Masonic family and our community.

Because of the early publication of this newsletter, the final amount raised and donated to Masonic Charities will be announced in the November newsletter. I am proud of what the Brothers of District 8 continue to accomplish when we come together for a common purpose.

Once again, thank you for your support, your fellowship, and your generosity. I am grateful for each of you and for all that you do to strengthen our Lodges, our District, and the great Fraternity to which we have the privilege of belonging.

May we continue to meet upon the level, act upon the plumb, and part upon the square — always remembering that the greatest work we can do is in the service of others.

Fraternally and with sincere appreciation,
Brother John

THIS MONTH IN HISTORY

October 18, 1775

The Second Continental Congress of the United Colonies of North America issued orders that a fleet be fitted out in Delaware Bay to challenge the might of the most powerful navy in the world, the British.

Esek Hopkins was given command of this tiny fleet, his flagship the Alfred, formerly a solid Philadelphia merchant man named Black Prince.

Once Commodore Hopkins was piped aboard he ordered his first lieutenant Bro. John Paul Jones to raise the new banner, The Grand Union Flag, for the first time. Bro. Jones, who went on to an illustrious, adventurous career, died July 18, 1792.

EVENT ANNOUNCEMENTS

Fall Regional School of Instruction November 14, 2026 Allentown Masonic Temple 1524 West Linden Street Allentown, PA 18102.

Introductions will begin at 8am. We will be demonstrating the 3rd degree, election, and installation procedures. This Regional School is being held jointly with Region 7.

All WM, SW, JW, Principals, VPs, and Senior Lodge Instructors are expected to attend one or more of these schools. Register on Grandview

LODGE OFFICER TRAINING

Registration is now open for the Fall 2026 Lodge Officer Workshops. The 2027 Worshipful Master, Senior Warden and Junior Warden are required to attend.

There are multiple scheduled sessions in Region 1 (Southeastern PA) to allow attendees to choose a date that best fits their schedule and minimizes driving distances to workshops. Registration closes one week prior to the workshop.

KIRKS KORNER



Worshipful Masters and Lodge Instructors: I didn't hear much this summer about Brethren needing certifications. Please don't wait until the last minute for this. If you need any help from me or the School staff, please let me know.

Time is short and "check outs" and exemplifications are many.

Make your appointments NOW to qualify for your 2027 positions. So make the hours count. Use your tools.

Build something that outlives the ticking of the clock. Because the one thing we all spend equally, rich or poor, wise or foolish, is time. And only the man who spends it purposefully will see its true return.

Contact me for any assistance or questions.

The remaining SOIs will be important to attend as we will be reviewing voting and open installation procedures in addition to electing Officers for the 2027 SOI.