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

November 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)

November Calendar

5	Pilgrim Lodge No. 712 Stated Meeting: *Program: Honoring Veterans /Past Masters*
6	Lodge No. 9 Stated Meeting: *Program: Tomb of the Unknown Soldier /Honoring Veterans*
11	***Veterans Day***
11	Hermann-Humboldt No.125 Stated Meeting: *Program: Honoring Veterans*
11	Newtown Lodge No. 427 Stated Meeting: *Program Honoring Veterans*
12	Houseman Lodge No. 211 Stated Meeting: *Program: Phila. Freemasonry in the 18th Century.*
13	Doylestown Lodge No. 245 Stated Meeting: *Program: Veterans Night with Joint Presentation*
14	***Region 1&7 Sectional School of Instruction Allentown PA-Registration on GV required***
16	***8th Masonic District School of Instruction***
18	W.K. Bray-Southampton Lodge No. 410 Stated Meeting: *Program: The importance of Passwords (Current Fraud Trends)* ***(District Officer Visitation All WM, SW, JW to attend)***
21	Bristol Lodge No.25 Stated Meeting: *Program: Honoring Past Masters* ***(District Officer Visitation All WM, SW, JW to attend)***
22	***Hatboro Holiday Parade-Featuring Grand Lodge float***
26	***Thanksgiving Day***
28	Breakfast with Santa-Newtown Lodge No. 427

REGION 1 & 7 COMBINED SECTIONAL SCHOOL OF INSTRUCTION

Registration is required via Grand View

When: Saturday November 14th, 2026, Ritual Begins at 8:30 a.m. until Noon. Registration begins at 7:30 a.m.
Where: Allentown Masonic Temple, 1524 West Linden St, Allentown, PA 18102
Who: Only Master Masons are invited, ALL Officers and Lodge Instructors are expected to attend
Work: Exemplification of the Master Mason's Degree and the Election and Installation of Officers
With: The Principal Instructors & Regional Instructors will exemplify the work
Wear: Dress Code is Business Casual for attendees; coat and tie for Instructors

It is the expectation that at least one member from each Lodge in District 8 will be in attendance.

11TH ANNUAL CIGAR-B-QUE

Our Annual Cigar-B-Que on September 20th was another tremendous success, thanks to the many Brothers, family, friends, and guests who came out and made the day so special.

We are proud to announce that **$1,769.06** will be donated to Masonic Charities this year and presented at the Annual Communication in Altoona, PA.

Even more impressive, since the Cigar-B-Que began, this event has generated an incredible **$18,986.19** in net proceeds donated to Masonic Charities!

That is what the **Great 8** is all about—Brotherhood, fellowship, having a great time, and most importantly, giving back and making a difference.

A sincere thank-you to everyone who attended, volunteered, donated, and supported this event over the years. This success belongs to all of you !

Until next year…keep the smoke rolling and the Brotherhood strong!

WHAT IS THE TYLER DOING?

Ask most Masons and you'll get a practical answer...

The man outside the door.

The one who makes sure nobody enters who shouldn't.

The Brother with the sword who tyles the Lodge before it opens and reports that it is so tiled when asked.

A *doorman*, essentially.

An important one, but a *doorman*.

That reading isn't wrong. It's just the surface.

The Tyler's position in Masonic symbolism carries something the practical description doesn't capture.

He guards the threshold.

The boundary between the world outside and the work happening within.

Between the profane and the sacred, to use the old language.

Between the noise of ordinary life and the deliberate stillness the Lodge room is designed to create.

That boundary matters more than most Masons think about.

Walk into Lodge without it being properly observed and something changes.

The quality of attention in the room.

The weight of what's being done.

The sense that this space is genuinely set apart from whatever happened in the car park ten minutes ago.

The Tyler is the reason that transition happens at all.

But there's a reading that goes further still...

Every Mason is supposed to be his own Tyler.

Guarding the entrance to his own mind with the same diligence the outer Tyler guards the door.

Ensuring that what enters is fit to be there.

That passions, prejudices, and the clutter of the day are left outside before the real work begins.

~ MasonicFind

DID YOU KNOW?

The 50-star United Stated flag was designed by Brother Robert G. Heft when he was 17 years old. He designed the flag as a school project in Lancaster, Ohio and got a B- for his project. He made an agreement with his teacher that if the flag was made as the official flag, he would get a better grade. His design was chosen out of more than 500 designs that were given to the U.S. President Dwight D. Eisenhower and his teacher raised his grade to an A. Brother Heft was a member of Lancaster Lodge No. 57, Lancaster, Ohio.

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YEAR END DUES REMINDER

Brothers,

The end of the year is fast approaching, and I strongly encourage everyone to pay their lodge dues before year-end.

More importantly, your Lodge should have a Retention Committee actively working now to contact Brothers who may not attend every meeting.

A simple phone call or personal message can make all the difference in reminding them that dues must be paid by year-end to avoid being placed in jeopardy of suspension.

Brothers, when our annual membership dues cost less than many of us spend on a Netflix subscription, I have to believe we can find a way to keep our membership current.

Please don't wait until the last minute. The changes coming for 2027 will not allow dues to simply be pushed into April as has been done in the past.

Let's take care of our Brothers, take care of our Lodges, and start 2027 with our membership strong and current.

KIRKS KORNER

Whether you are sitting in an officer’s chair for the first time or have been through this process several times, I want to remind you of one simple truth: your position is not about the title—it is about the responsibility that comes with it.

Don’t feel that you are expected to know everything on day one. You aren't. Ask questions. Read the manuals. Learn the ritual. Understand your Lodge's bylaws and the rules of the Grand Lodge. Most importantly, don't be afraid to ask for help. There are brothers around you who have already made the mistakes you are about to make—take advantage of their experience.

To our seasoned Brothers, experience is valuable, but experience should never become an excuse to stop learning. Every year brings new challenges, new members, and new circumstances. Your responsibility is not simply to tell the new officers how things were done when you were in the chair. Your responsibility is to help them understand why things are done and to give them the tools to lead effectively today.

You are temporary stewards of something that existed before you arrived and, if you do your job properly, will be stronger when you turn it over to the next brother.

Leadership in Masonry is not about having all the answers. It is about having the character to seek the right answers, the humility to ask for help, and the discipline to do things the right way—even when the right way isn't necessarily the easiest way.

Take care of your Lodge. Take care of your members. Develop the brothers coming behind you. And remember that success isn't measured simply by how much you accomplish during your year; it is measured by what you leave behind for the brother who follows you.

Thank you to those who attended the Region 1 Officer Training workshops and are now eligible for elected office in 2027