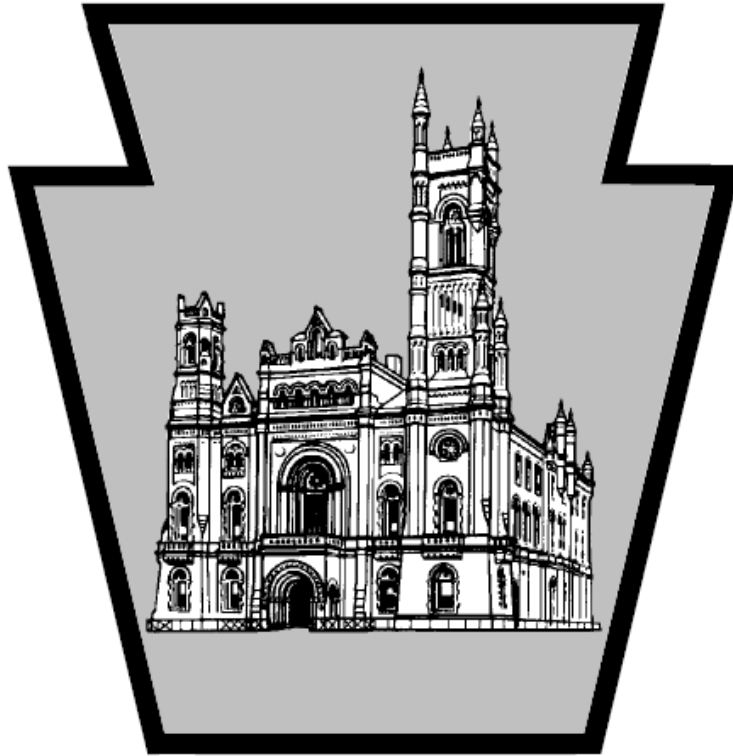


# William L. Elkins Lodge



## F. & A. M. No. 271

Keystone Lodge No. 271, Constituted May 4, 1853  
Covenant Lodge No. 456, Constituted January 12, 1870  
Excelsior Lodge No. 491, Constituted March 18, 1871  
William C. Hamilton Lodge No. 500, Constituted October 12, 1871  
William L. Elkins Lodge No. 646, Constituted June 26, 1906  
Matthias H. Henderson Lodge No. 661, Constituted September 17, 1909  
Merged June 30, 2004



### **WILLIAM L. ELKINS LODGE NO. 271**

Free and Accepted Masons  
Where there are no strangers, just friendly Masons.  
On the web at [www.elkins271.org](http://www.elkins271.org)

Dear Brother:

A Stated Meeting of William L. Elkins Lodge, No. 271 Free and Accepted Masons will be held in Masonic Temple, One North Broad Street Philadelphia on Thursday evening February 2, 2012 in Norman Hall at 7:00 o'clock P.M.



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### **STATED MEETING**

*Program:*

*How to Visit a Lodge*

*Presented by: Robert L. Strickland, PM*

*Note: Lodge opens at 7pm and dinner will take place around 7:40pm, and lodge will be called back to labor immediately following dinner.*

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### **EXTRA MEETING**

An Extra Meeting of William L. Elkins Lodge No. 271 will be held in Oriental Hall, Masonic Temple, on Wednesday, February 15, 2012 at 7 o'clock P.M.  
**The Entered Apprentice Masons Degree will be conferred**

*There will be a light dinner from 6-7pm prior to Lodge (which opens at 7pm)*

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### **FREE PARKING IS AVAILABLE TO MEMBERS AND GUEST AT THESE TWO LOCATIONS**

Free Parking for Members and Visitors is available in the garage at 13th and Filbert Streets. Free Parking is also available at Convention Center Parking located at 142 North Broad Street (and operated by a lodge brother.) When you arrive in the parking garage, please tell the attendant that you are with the masons so they park your car on a floor which will allow for faster access when you prepare to leave.

**PLEASE SEE THE SENIOR WARDEN FOR YOUR PAYMENT TICKET AT THE LODGE MEETING FOR EITHER GARAGE.**

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### **COMING EVENTS**

February 13 (Monday) – Laser Tag at Ultrazone (Lodge Fundraiser)  
February 20 (Monday) – Tacony School of Instruction – District's A & D  
February 22 (Wednesday) – Wreath Laying Mt. Vernon, VA  
February 27 (Monday) - Committee on Instruction  
March 1 Stated Meeting  
March 9 (Friday) - Merchantville Annual Table Lodge  
March 21 Extra Meeting

### **PAST DUE- DUES**

There are **52** members who still have not paid their dues. Have you paid your dues? If not please do so immediately! Full dues for each member are \$75.00 per year. Dues for 2012 are now due and payable. Please remit payment (payable to William L. Elkins Lodge No. 271) and send to the Secretary. If you do not have a current dues card (good through December 31, 2012 and are not a Life or 50 year member) then you have not paid your dues. **Once your dues are paid your dues card will be mailed out with the next mailing of the Notice.**

If you are having trouble paying your dues please contact the Secretary prior to the stated meeting.

### **MEMBERSHIP**

<b>Membership</b>		<b>Reinstated/Admitted</b>	<b>Resignations/</b>		<b>Membership</b>
<b><u>12/27/10</u></b>	<b><u>Petitions</u></b>	<b><u>or Entered</u></b>	<b><u>Suspensions</u></b>	<b><u>Deaths</u></b>	<b><u>Today</u></b>
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## **SCHOOL OF INSTRUCTION**

Philadelphia Regional Instructor - John A. Rose

### **Tacony School**

Tacony Masonic Temple  
4400 Magee Avenue  
Philadelphia, PA 19135  
*Meets 3rd Monday at 7:30 P.M.*

### **Temple School**

Masonic Temple  
One North Broad Street  
Philadelphia, PA 19107  
*Meets 4th Tuesday at 7:30 P.M.*



### **Jenkintown School**

Jenkintown Masonic Temple  
443 Old York Road (Rt. 611)  
Jenkintown, PA 19046  
*Meets 1st & 3rd Tues at 7:30 P.M.*

### **Roxborough School**

Masonic Temple of Roxborough  
Manayunk Avenue & Conarroe St.  
Philadelphia, PA 19128  
*Meets 3rd Wednesday at 7:30 P.M.*

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## **COMMITTEE ON INSTRUCTION (NOTE NEW LOCATION)**

Committee of Instruction will meet at 7:00 PM on **Monday, January 30, 2012.**

All elected and appointed officer should attend, members are invited and encouraged to participate and become more active in Lodge. If you have ambitions to become an Elected or Appointed Officer please attend and learn the work of the chairs.

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## **MASONIC BIRTHDAYS**

The following 23 Brethren celebrate Masonic Birthdays in February

<b><u>Name</u></b>	<b><u>Yrs</u></b>	<b><u>Name</u></b>	<b><u>Yrs</u></b>
Jesse L. Ayton	1	David W. Hughes	33
Richard G. Azar	16	Paul A. Little, PM	27
Morris J. Cheney	58	Donald G. MacDonald, PM	27
Edward R. Denny	1	Calvin B. Mattson	64
Walter J. Diener	58	David C. Miller	29
William H. Douthart	64	Thomas J. Miller, PDDGM	43
Richard W. Dunlap	43	Frank W. Podrebarac, PDDGM	45
Etwin F. Falkenberg	23	Bruce W. Robertson	51
Michael J. Ferrero	1	Alwin C. Schmidt, PM	57
Donald Ginsberg	60	William F. Speier	57
Theodore F. Hassell, PM	49	Paul D. Young	32
Carl S. Heinel	62		

We look forward to celebrating with you at the February Stated meeting. If it is your Masonic Birthday and we omitted you, please notify the Secretary.

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## **MONTHLY MAILINGS**

Effective immediately if your notice is returned undeliverable you will be removed from the monthly mailing. The lodge receives back approximately 10 to 15 notices a month that are undeliverable. If you move or go away for the winter please notify the secretary in writing or you will be removed from the mailing list until we get a good address for you.

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## **IN MEMORIAM**

<b><u>Name</u></b>	<b><u>Initiated</u></b>	<b><u>Died</u></b>
<b>CHARLES BICK JR. PM</b>	2/11/1949	9/16/2007
<b>DAVID G. DEPREFONTAINE</b>	11/10/1950	10/28/2011
<b>HERBERT GROSKIN</b>	3/10/1959	11/26/2010
<b>EDGAR W. HAUCK JR.</b>	9/13/1955	4/30/2008
<b>LAWRENCE A. OGRDNEK</b>	2/11/1958	4/18/2011
<b>ROBERT C. SANDS</b>	2/10/1965	1/23/2011
<b>MARTIN SHELENGIAN</b>	1/12/1965	11/30/2011
<b>ERNEST D. WILLIAMS</b>	4/4/1957	6/11/2011

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## **SICK AND SHUT-IN BRETHREN**

**CALVIN B. MATTSON  
THEODORE F. HASSELL, PM  
GARY L. SHAFER, SR.  
RAYMOND MCKINNEY, PM**

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## **SECRETARY ADDRESS CHANGE**

EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY!!

The Secretary's address has changed:  
Marty Casteel, Secretary  
2727 S. Randolph Street  
Philadelphia, PA 19148  
(580) 370-1158 – Mobile Phone

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## **CALL FOR MASONIC RESEARCH PAPERS**

The Pennsylvania Lodge of Research is issuing a call to Pennsylvania Masons for research papers that may be suitable for presentation at a meeting of The Pennsylvania Lodge of research and/or publication in the Lodge Transactions published biannually. Any Pennsylvania Mason wishing to submit a Masonic Research paper, that has not been previously published, for consideration by the Lodge Evaluation Committee is invited to do so.

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## **WISDOM FROM THE WEST**

Brethren,

We have all just passed through a season when, no doubt, we participated in traditions that we hold dear and make the holidays memorable. Those traditions may have been a meal, an outing with family or friends, a visit to a relative, a trip to a usual destination, or even solitary reflection on our blessings. While each of us have our own traditions, they all have things in common. They are things we look forward to on a regular basis; we share them with others who find them just as meaningful; we make time in our busy lives to participate in them; we often reach out to those that share our traditions to remind them of the time and place they will be celebrated; sometimes some of the people there may get on our nerves (there's no escaping human nature) but we still choose to participate because in our hearts we know it's not just about us or what we as individuals get out of it; they generally follow the same pattern; they may have been around longer than most of us can remember, even if our participation in them is rather recent; we often invite those we think highly of to participate; we talk about them in advance (isn't looking forward to them part of the enjoyment we get from them); after they are over we not only look forward to the next time they are held, but reflecting on them continues to bring us joy; they give us an opportunity away from the daily business of life to connect with those dear to us and they are not self-perpetuating - they only continue as long as people make time to participate in them. Does this not sound a lot like our regular lodge meetings? Our fraternity can only continue and flourish if we, as individuals make time to participate. I trust like myself you have found our fraternity more than a dull traditional undertaking, but look forward to it for many of the reasons above, and many more, so that it may continue to grow and flourish.

Fraternally, Brother Jeff Henley, SW

## **STATED MEETING DINNER**

Dinner will follow the Stated Meeting at approximately 7:40 P.M. in the Grand Lodge Banquet Hall

Menu for the Stated Meeting:

Soup and Garden Salad

Veal Cutlet Parmigiana with Roasted Potatoes and Broccoli Spears

Served with Dinner Rolls

Assorted Pies for Dessert

Beverages include Lemonade, Iced Tea, Water, and Coffee

**PLEASE RSVP WITH THE SECRETARY BY SUNDAY JANUARY 29<sup>TH</sup>**  
**IF YOU DO NOT RSVP A PLATE WILL NOT BE ORDERED FOR YOU**

## **MENTOR PROGRAM**

If you recommend a man to be made a mason you are thereby his mentor. We will be putting together mentor training sessions and anyone who plans on being a first line signer on a petition should be in attendance. We will have a few of this information sessions this year where you will also be taught the guide work for the degrees.

Please contact the secretary for information on the training sessions.

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## **MESSAGES FROM A BROTHER**

If a brother would like to have a message included in the notice as a "MESSAGE FROM A BROTHER" please email it to the Secretary at [secretary@lodge271.org](mailto:secretary@lodge271.org) and it be included in an upcoming notice. Please keep all messages relevant to Freemasonry in General and this Lodge in Particular. The Secretary will notify you when your message will be published in the notice in advance.

## **LODGE FUNDRAISER**

Monday, February 13, 2012 from 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM at:  
ULTRAZONE BENSALEM  
Bensalem, PA 19020  
[www.myultrazone.com](http://www.myultrazone.com)

### **COST OF TICKETS FOR THE EVENT IS \$20.00 Per Person**

Funds raised will benefit the Moss Athletic Association T-Ball League and Grand Master's Annual Charity, the Masonic Youth Associations.

THIS EVENT IS OPEN TO ANYONE WHO WISHES TO PURCHASE A TICKET

**Pizza and Soda included with Admission**

REGISTER - HERALD  
Tuesday, December 13, 2011

# Washington's 'lost apron' found at W.Va. lodge

SHEPHERDSTOWN (AP) — George Washington's "lost apron" was hiding in plain sight at a Masonic lodge in West Virginia's Eastern Panhandle.

The Marquis de Lafayette gave the apron to Washington in 1784. Historians and curators at Mount Vernon in Virginia thought for decades that the apron was lost.

But it wasn't. The Herald-Mail of Hagerstown, Md., says the apron decorated a wall at the

Mount Nebo Lodge No. 91 in Shepherdstown since 1820.

In 2009, the lodge sent the apron to curators at Mount Vernon, who verified it.

The apron was returned Sunday for the lodge's 200th birthday. But it will be kept at Mount Vernon in an environmentally appropriate case.

Mount Nebo lodge master George Alwin says the lodge still owns the apron. But it's no longer safe there.