

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



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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 April 5, 2012 in Norman Hall at 7:00 o'clock P.M.



STATED MEETING

Program:

"Operative to Speculative Freemasonry, is it a transition or a concurrent dedication to truth and principles?"

Presented by: Brother Joseph McKay, Chaplin

Note: Lodge opens at 7pm and dinner follow at Maggiano's Little Italy at approximately 8:40 pm.

EXTRA MEETING

An Extra Meeting of William L. Elkins Lodge No. 271 will be held in Oriental Hall, Masonic Temple, on Wednesday, April 18, 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)

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 JUNIOR WARDEN FOR YOUR PAYMENT TICKET AT THE LODGE MEETING FOR EITHER GARAGE.

COMING EVENTS

April 15	(Sunday) Lodge Church Service
April 16	(Monday) Tacony School of Instruction
April 21	(Saturday) Lodge Fundraiser
April 28	(Saturday) Sectional School of Instruction
April 30	(Monday) Committee on Instruction
May 3	Stated Meeting
May 16	Extra Meeting
May 21	(Monday) Tacony School of Instruction

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.

MEMBERSHIP

Membership		Reinstated/Admitted	Resignations/		Membership
<u>12/27/11</u>	<u>Petitions</u>	<u>or Entered</u>	<u>Suspensions</u>	<u>Deaths</u>	<u>Today</u>
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MASONIC BIRTHDAYS

The following 39 Brethren celebrate Masonic Birthdays in April

<u>Name</u>	<u>Yrs</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Yrs</u>
Jack V. Basmajian	33	Francis H. Lawson	62
Adam R. Becker	5	Shane J. LoPresti	1
Christopher M. Bodnar	2	Henry C. Mann	42
Herbert L. Cash	42	Alan L. Martinez	59
George T. Clark, PM	45	Charles W. McElwee	42
Joseph P. D'Ascenzo	25	Robert W. Niederberger	45
John V. D'Ascenzo, PM	33	Gerald L. Perrins	17
John L. Dunlap	31	Jurgen S. Rehnig	36
Ronald L. Gonzalez	23	George E. Rush	6
David L. Grasso	1	Salvatore A. Scarpato	16
Jan C. Grossman	27	Samuel A. Schafer, PM	48
Roger W. Hallowell, PM	22	William H. Smigiel	13
John A. Haugstad	20	Mark A. Spitzner	31
Joseph E. Hayden	52	Ismael Tellado-Rios	20
William F. Heinel	66	Michael J. Walton	16
Gerald V. Henderson	61	William R. Watson	2
Roger A. Hendler	47	Edward Williams	36
Bernhard W. F. Kemmerling	43	F. Cort Wizorek	22
John E. Langan	56	Charles R. Wochele	31
Thomas J. Latoff	19		

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

ANNUAL EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA MASONIC FAMILY PICNIC

Dorney Park (10:00 A.M.-10:00 P.M.) and
Wildwater Kingdom (10:00 A.M. - 7:00 P.M.)

Rain or Shine: Saturday, June 9, 2012

“ALL YOU CAN EAT” MENU SERVED 1:00 P.M. - 6:00 P.M.

FRIED CHICKEN, HAMBURGERS, HOT DOGS, BAKED BEANS,
POTATO SALAD, SODA, ICE CREAM, CONDIMENTS AND MORE!

ADULTS \$35.00, AGE 3 YEARS TO 48” TALL \$27.00

CHILDREN AGES 2 YEARS AND UNDER ARE ADMITTED FREE OF CHARGE

ADMISSION PRICE PAYS FOR BOTH PARKS

COVERED PAVILION FOR MEALS

ABSOLUTE DEADLINE FOR TICKET RESERVATIONS – MAY 31, 2012

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 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.

IN MEMORIAM

<u>Name</u>	<u>Initiated</u>	<u>Died</u>
JOHN G. EGGERT	Jan. 20, 1943	Mar. 13, 2012
CHARLES M. HANGSTERFER	Nov. 4, 1946	Mar. 10, 2012
WILLIAM J. KEMNER	Nov. 20, 1946	Mar. 16, 2012

SICK AND SHUT-IN BRETHREN

CALVIN B. MATTSON

THEODORE F. HASSELL, PM

GARY L. SHAFER, SR.

RAYMOND MCKINNEY, PM

PLEASE NOTIFY THE SECRETARY OF SICK OR SHUT-IN BROTHERS!



FROM THE EAST

Brethren,
Our lodge is on the cusp of becoming one of the greatest lodges of the upcoming generation. I shall not bore you with the statistics, but instead I shall iterate to the beauty demonstrated at the last Stated Meeting. When a fellow brother asked those brothers who have been initiated into the lodge in the last two years to please stand, I was astounded by the sight which I beheld. More than half the brothers in attendance that night stood. Of that half the average age was in the early 30s. I must admit, I was beyond mesmerized. Freemasonry in general and our great lodge in particular, have made great strides in renewing and growing membership. Our lodge grows older every single day but with each new brother our lodge becomes younger. This still does not mean we are out of the woods yet. Nay! We are just beginning our great ascent. I ask that the more experienced brethren take a new brother in charge and act as his guide to the ritual and ascent to becoming the Worshipful Master and maybe one day the Grand Master. One mason cannot be expected to go it alone and do everything for all. We as a lodge need to go hand in hand to sure up the line and sure up our brethren.
In summary, I shall corrupt the words of another Kennedy for our benefit. "Do not ask what your lodge can do for you; it will and always shall be there for you! Ask what you can do for your lodge; everyday reminds me of what little time I will have with the lodge and I hope I will make every day count!"

Fraternally, Brother Patrick Kennedy, PM, WM

COMMITTEE ON INSTRUCTION (NOTE NEW LOCATION)

Committee of Instruction will meet at 7:00 PM on Monday, April, 2, 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.

PAST DUE- DUES

There are **35** 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.

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 by contacting Bro. James F. Standish, Jr, Secretary, at either 610-805-6304 or stndsh@comcast.net for information on how to submit papers.

STATED MEETING DINNER

Dinner will follow the Stated Meeting at approximately 8:40 P.M. at Maggiano's Little Italy, Menu for the Stated Meeting:

SALADS: Spinach and Chopped

APPETIZERS: Steamed Mussels and Bruschetta

MAIN COURSES: Spaghetti & Meatballs and Chicken Parmesan

The meal includes all Non-Alcoholic Beverages.

BROTHERS MAY ORDER FROM THE BAR AND START YOUR OWN PERSONAL TAB THERE. THE WAIT STAFF WILL BE INFORMED NOT TO TAKE ANY ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE ORDERS FROM THE TABLE.

SECTIONAL MEETING OF THE SCHOOL OF INSTRUCTION

A Sectional Meeting of the Schools of Instruction for Region One which includes Masonic Districts A, B, C, D, 5, 6, 8, 36 and 40 will be held on:

DATE: Saturday, April 28, 2012
PLACE: Masonic Temple
One North Broad Street
Philadelphia, PA 19107
TIME: 8:00 AM
REGISTRATION: 7:00 - 7:45 AM

All Lodge Officers, Floor Workers, School Officers and Instructors are expected to attend this most important of all Ritualistic functions. All Master Masons are also welcome to attend. The District Schools of Instruction expend much time and effort to prepare for this Meeting. Please join us.

The schedule for the day has been modified to have all the work conclude by lunch, therefore no lunch arrangements have been made at the Temple.

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.

LODGE FUNDRAISER

Location: Polonia Hall (Bridesburg)
4431 Belgrade St.
Philadelphia., PA 19137

Date: Saturday April 21, 2012
Time: 7pm to 11pm

Food Menu:
Garden Salad
Roast Beef
Chicken Parmesan
Baked Ziti
Garlic Mashed Potatoes
String Bean Almondine

Sweet Table, Coffee, Tea and Soda as well as other Beverages

Price: \$40 per person Advanced Purchase Required
Tickets will be available at the March Stated Meeting,
Please see Brother Casey Huckel for Advanced Purchases.

Benefits: William L. Elkins Scholarship Fund

MASONIC CHURCH SERVICE AT THE MASONIC HOME AT LAFAYETTE HILL

Please be advised that the Annual Masonic Church Service will be on Sunday April 15, 2012 at the Masonic Home at Lafayette Hill 801 Ridge Pike Lafayette Hill, PA. The service will start at 2:30 P.M. and will be followed by dinner at Brittingham's Irish Pub 640 Germantown Pike. We ask that those who plan to attend arrive prior to 1:45 PM to assist and greet the residents who will be attending the service.

RSVP
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