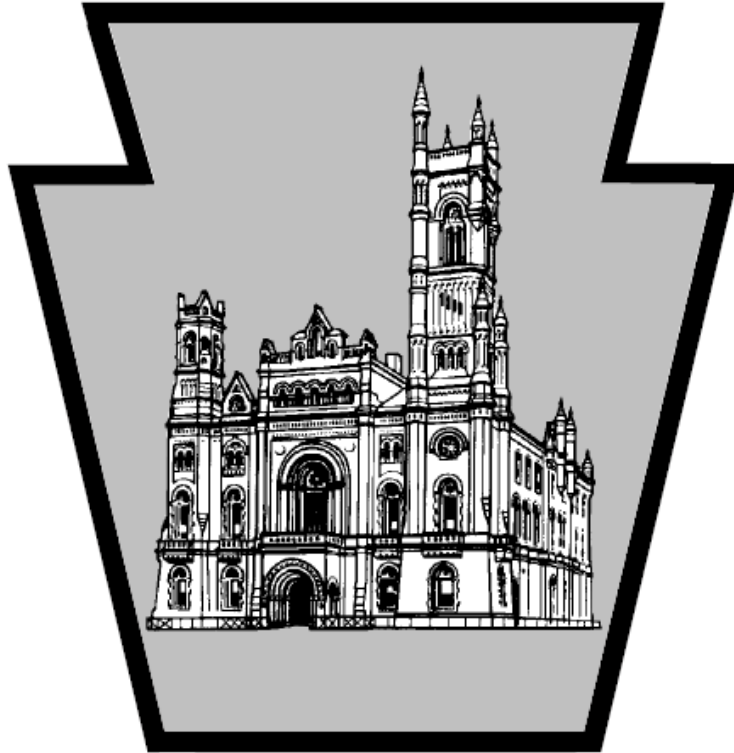


William L. Elkins Lodge



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

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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 May 3, 2012 in Norman Hall at 7:00 o'clock P.M.



STATED MEETING

District "A" Night

Visitation by Brother Robert J. Burns, PM, District Deputy Grand Master and district officers

Presentation of Fifty Year Masonic Service Emblems to:

WILLIAM E. FISCHER, entered December 12, 1959

JAMES MARK SANDS, entered October 1, 1962

J. ELLIS SHIRLEY, entered December 6, 1962

ACTION WILL BE HAD UPON THE FOLLOWING PETITIONS FOR INITIATION AND MEMBERSHIP

<u>Name</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Occupation</u>	<u>Residence</u>
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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, May 16, 2012 at 7 o'clock P.M.

The Fellow Craft 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 SENIOR WARDEN FOR YOUR PAYMENT TICKET AT THE LODGE
MEETING FOR EITHER GARAGE.**

COMING EVENTS

April 26	(Thursday) PM Dinner at William Penn Inn, Gwynedd, PA
April 28	(Saturday) Sectional School of Instruction
April 30	(Monday) Committee on Instruction
May 16	Extra Meeting
May 21	(Monday) Tacony School of Instruction
June 7	Stated Meeting
June 18	(Monday) Tacony School of Instruction
June 20	Extra Meeting

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

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

The following 35 Brethren celebrate Masonic Birthdays in May

<u>Name</u>	<u>Yrs</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Yrs</u>
Russell R. Cornell	49	Jeremy B. Malcolm	2
R. David Cowen	28	Colin T. Mansley	2
Fred Deininger	24	George G. Miller	47
Charles E. Entrekin	44	Daniel G. Nate	26
Donald W. Ewing	54	Eugene J. Nazer	37
George E. Fisher	32	A. Mercer Quinby	49
Martin G. Good	32	Frank A. Ramondo	22
Douglas K. Gray	57	Alexander J. Schulke	32
Dale R. Haring	32	Louis J. Secreto	14
Charles M. Helmling	55	Gary L. Shafer	10
Ronald H. Henderson	60	David R. Shaheen	3
Stewart M. Himmelreich	53	Robert L. Strickland	10
Edward L. Hoffman	62	Edward G. Tajirian	54
Casey D. Huckel	1	John W. Vaughan	55
Andrew Kane	26	William W. Werline	14
George E. Kangian	58	John W. Young	52
Patrick M. Lampley	20	Jameson P. Young	5
John B. Leister	40		

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

IN MEMORIAM

Name
None to Report

Initiated

SICK AND SHUT-IN BRETHREN

HARRY D. FISHER, JR PM
RAYMOND MCKINNEY, PM

TRANSITION

Brethren,
Any and all communications to be directed to the Secretary

COMMITTEE ON INSTRUCTION (NOTE NEW LOCATION)

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

All elective and appointed officers should attend; members are invited and encouraged to participate and become more active in Lodge. If you have ambitions to become an Elective or Appointed Officer please attend and learn the work of the chairs.

PAST DUE- DUES

There are **30** 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 **Treasurer**. 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 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: Maggiano's and Italian Tossed

APPETIZERS: Mozzarella and Sausage & Peppers

MAIN COURSES: Mom's Lasagna and Chicken Marsala

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.



FROM THE EAST

One of the things people look for in life is a place where they feel they belong and feel part of something. For many of us in our younger years this may have been a Little League team, Cub or Boy Scouts, or social or church group. As we progressed we may have sought out college fraternities, car clubs, local taverns or other social groups. At our current stage in life it may be a Chamber of Commerce, Veterans organization or being a mentor to younger members of an organization we at one time were affiliated with. So why our Fraternity now? Each of us came to the sacred altar with different desires and reasons for joining our Ancient and Honorable Fraternity. However compelling those reasons may have been at that time, they may fade or change over the months and years and most likely are not strong enough to keep us regular in our lodge attendance. So what compels us to return each month, and seek the fraternal brotherhood of fellow Masons in the days and weeks between meetings? Look at those seating around you at our next meeting (you will need to be in attendance to do this) and ask yourself how such a diverse group can become so united. You have heard the word of our charge "if we are united our fraternity will flourish". Many things unite us, and our Brotherhood is strong enough to withstand open discussion, and respectful enough to honor the differences among us. Our combined dedication to make ourselves, and others, better and to support the Brotherhood of Man and the Fatherhood of God mark our distinction from the myriad of social organizations that compete for our time and attention. If you regularly attend our stated and extra meetings I am confident you have found this to be true. If you have not been as regular in your attendance as you were when the desire to join us was fresh and new I invite you come out more often and rekindle that desire you once had.

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.

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.

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

Linda Matthews

139 W. Richardson Avenue
Langhorne, PA 19047-2827

*****ABSOLUTE DEADLINE FOR TICKET RESERVATIONS – MAY 31, 2012*****

GRAND LODGE OF FREE & ACCEPTED MASONS OF PENNSYLVANIA

Philadelphia, PA, March 22, A.D. 2012, A.L. 6012

TO ALL MASTER MASONS OF THE GRAND LODGE OF PENNSYLVANIA:

On Friday, June 15, 2012, the first-ever Joint Banquet of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania and the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania will take place, and all Master Masons and their guests are welcome to attend. It will be held at the Scottish Rite Cathedral, Valley of New Castle, 110 East Lincoln Avenue, New Castle, PA, beginning with a reception at 4:30 p.m. following by the banquet and entertainment. There is a cost of \$45.00 per person to attend this event.

If anyone wishes to attend, reservations are to be made by contacting Secretary of the Valley of New Castle. aasr.nc@verizon.net.

By Order of the R.W. Grand Master.

Mark A. Haines
R.W. Grand Secretary