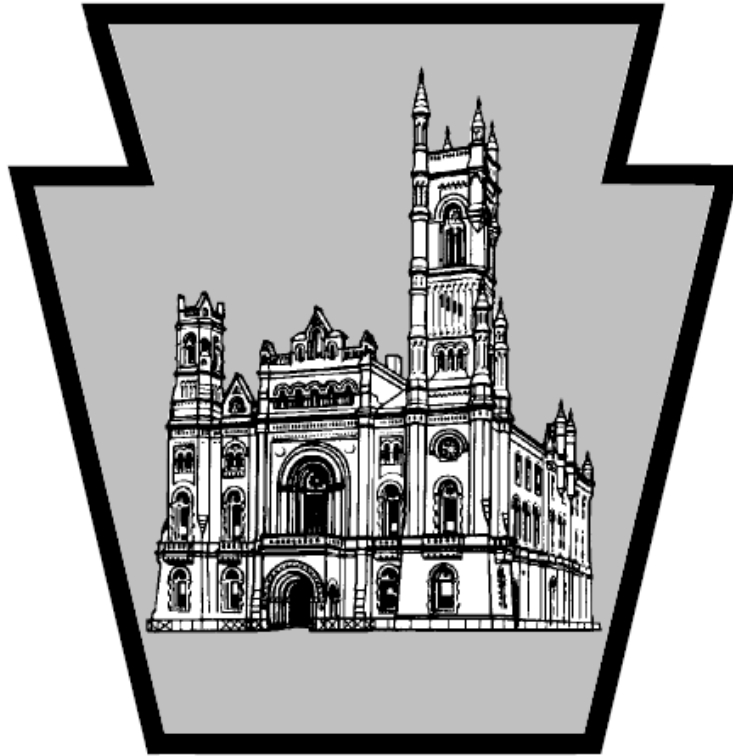


William L. Elkins Lodge



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 October 3, 2013 in Norman Hall at 7:00 o'clock P.M.



STATED MEETING

The Master Mason's Degree will be conferred upon:
RYAN JAMES DUNLAVEY

Note time for dinner is prior to our meeting: *Dinner (Buffet) will start at 6:45pm in the downstairs banquet room in the Masonic Temple. We will then adjourn to Norman Hall for our stated meeting.*

COMING EVENTS

November 11
November 18

Monday-Instruction at the Tacony Masonic Temple
(Monday) – Tacony School of Instruction

COMMITTEE ON INSTRUCTION

Committee of Instruction will meet at 7:00 PM
on **Monday, October 14, 2013** at the Tacony Masonic Temple,
4400 Magee Avenue, Philadelphia PA

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

FREE PARKING IS AVAILABLE TO MEMBERS AND GUESTS AT THESE THREE LOCATIONS

Parkway Garage at 12th and Filbert Streets (1201 Filbert Street).

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 and your car will be parked on a floor which will allow for faster access when you prepare to leave.

Convention Center Parking Facility located at 1324 Arch Street.

PLEASE SEE THE SENIOR WARDEN FOR YOUR PAYMENT TICKET



LIVING PAST MASTERS
WILLIAM L. ELKINS LODGE NO. 271



Harvey E. Hirth	1955	†Thomas J. Miller, Jr.	1983, 94
Joseph W. Raffensberger	1955, 84***	Frank A. Aitken, III	1984, 85, 86
Richard H. Wilson	1957	Richard A. Booth	1986
Alwin C. Schmidt	1959	Charles A. Bowers	1986, 87
Rudolph B. Smith, III	1962, 81	Domenic Corsaro	1987
William E. Fischer	1965	John V. D'Ascenzo	1987
Donald W. Bubeck, Sr.	1968	Walter Barlow, Jr.	1988
Samuel A. Schafer	1968	James A. DeFrates	1988, 89#
William J. Eichelberger	1969, 71, 72	George J. Hahn	1988
William J. Eichelberger	1993, 95	Paul A. Little	1990, 99
Raymond C. McKinney	1970	Frederick B. Woodruff	1992, 94
John A. Roth, Jr.	1970	William J. McGonigle	1992, 93^
Vincent Lupoli, Jr.	1971	Thomas J. Penn	1992
John J. Morrison	1971	Stephen J. Craiter	1993
James C. Tinsman, Jr.	1971	Donald G. MacDonald	1994, 95, 98
†Frank W. Podrebarac	1972, 79, 80	Roger W. Hallowell	1996, 97#
John H. Wilson, Jr.	1973	Patrick M. Lampley	1996
Charles E. Entrekkin	1974, 96	Timothy M. Radtke, I	1997, 98
A. Mercer Quinby, III	1975	Fred Deininger	1999
W. Daniel Joseph	1976	James F. Johnson	2000
John B. Leister	1977	J. Norman Welsh	2002, 08, 09**
Steven W. Rose	1979	Emory H. Merryman, Jr.	2000, 03, 10*
Donald W. Ewing	1980	Leonard P. Ulan, Sr.	2000
Theodore F. Hassell	1980	Robert H. Henriksson	2001, 02
David Milliken	1980	Bekir Karabucak	2002
R. Robert McElwee	1981	Robert F. Hettinger	2003, 04
Samuel J. Takiff	1981	R. David Cowen	2005, 06
J. Robert Leister	1982	Robert L. Strickland	2007, 08, 10
Roy W. Newman, III	1982	Thomas C. Tennesen	2009
Daniel J. Hinds	1982, 83^	Patrick F. Kennedy	2011, 12
*** Mt-Horeb Phoenix Lodge #432		† PDDGM	
** Joseph H. Brown Lodge #751	#Suspended	*Elkton Lodge No. 74 - VA	^Transferred

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>12/27/12</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>
287	1	1	2	9	277

MASONIC BIRTHDAYS

The following 18 Brethren celebrate Masonic Birthdays in October

<u>Name</u>	<u>Yrs</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Yrs</u>
Bryan D. Beyer	3	Thomas J. Penn	26
Manfred Brenes	3	Donald R. Poole	28
Jeffrey J. George	1	Jason M. Rafferty	3
Howard Louis Hausher	65	Harold Rhodes	50
Samuel R. Jacobson	38	Luther R. Royds	44
Timothy N. Jadcak	3	Harry B. Rutter	23
William D. Joseph	45	James M. Sands	51
Robert Kochersperger	36	Edmund R. Shiffer	57
Steven J. Mackay	3	Kyle D. Stanley	2
Edward J. Maurer	3	Jason L. Sweeney	1
Jon P. McCann	3	Leonard P. Ulan, Sr. PM	66
Raymond C. McKinney	50	Bryan M. Urbanski	3
William C. Miller	66	Wayne J. Warren	3
Kevin M. Moriarty	1	H. Newell Williams	71
Harry K. Myers	57	John H. Wilson	45
Patrick Q. O'kane	3	Richard J. Zambino	16

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

SICK AND SHUT-IN BRETHREN

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



FROM THE EAST

I'd like to start this month's message on a personal note. As many of you know, my father recently passed away and I received many thoughtful notes and expressions of concern and sympathy which were very much appreciated. Thank you.

Moving on to Lodge business, our new Masonic Year begins in December. All elective officers must be certified in Business of the Lodge to hold their elected position. If you desire to seek an elective office you must be certified by the School of Instruction and make that desire known in writing to either myself or the secretary. There are also appointed positions that need to be filled.

These appointed positions are great ways for you to get more involved and not only support our fraternity but also to increase your Masonic knowledge. If there are any positions that you have a desire to fill please let me know.

Along with December comes the time that dues must be paid. We hear, and use, a lot of expressions that talk about what we "owe"...I owe you a debt of gratitude; what do I owe you; thanks, I owe you one; etc... Dues are part of the cost of keeping our Fraternity active, but what we "owe" the Fraternity and each other does not begin to be covered by our annual dues. I would suggest to you that our responsibility to each other and our Fraternity is far greater than a check near the end of every year. Among the things we "owe" are regular attendance at stated meetings; Masonic conduct in and out of the Lodge building; being a person of integrity; reaching out to each other in between our meetings to continue to build upon relationships and strengthen our fraternal bond; treating our fellow man "squarely"; being present when degrees are conferred; building our individual Masonic knowledge; helping our fellow members learn the details of our ritual; studying the printed lodge ritual manual if you have one, and returning one you have if you are not studying so a Brother can benefit from it; attendance at Masonic Funeral Services if your schedule permits; being an example of what a Mason is, to name just a few. Debt can be a burdensome thing if it is overwhelming or you do not see a way to pay it, and everyone feels good when they pay something off. Everyone also knows that a regular debt which they are capable of handling is not a burden. What we "owe" our Lodge is neither burdensome nor can it be paid off and each and every one of us is more than capable of handling this debt. But each month you need to write a check to cover your debts, being able to cover it but not paying it will not get you very far with your creditors. So it is with our Lodge, we owe it to each other to attend our regular and stated meetings. I look forward to seeing you all at the October meetings.

Fraternally, Brother Jeffrey S. Henley, WM

The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania
Masonic Charities Annual Fall Appeal

Several weeks ago, I mailed you a letter asking for your support of the 2013 Annual Fall Appeal. If you have already responded with your financial support, I say "THANK YOU." If not, I ask you to pull out the letter you recently received and please read the material.

Our communities and fraternal families depend on our charitable programs. Your compassion and generosity, combined with that of your brothers, helps keep them going. As you examined in your third degree obligation, relief also enriches our own lives. As those who have the ability to give, we are the lucky ones.

You can make your donation by returning the response form attached to the letter received in the mail, along with your check, or by logging onto www.MasonicCharitiesPA.org and clicking "Donate" and complete the form. Thank you for your continued support!

JOHN PAUL JONES (Part 1 of 3)

Father of the American Navy and Mason John Paul Jones is probably the best known Naval figure of the Revolutionary War. He was born John Paul (The Jones was added later in America) in Kirkcudbright Scotland on July 6, 1747. His father, also named John Paul, was a gardener and his mother was Jean MacDuff. There were seven children in his family, John was number five. His oldest brother William Paul migrated to Fredericksburg, Virginia and was an important point of contact on this side of the Atlantic.

John went to sea at the age of twelve after finishing school, and made his first trip to Fredericksburg before he was thirteen years old. In 1768 he was assigned to a British Merchant ship named *John* and during the voyage back to Scotland had to assume command due to the death of the captain and the first mate. His career as a merchant seaman ended in 1773 at age 26, when he inherited his brother's plantation in Virginia. It was stipulated that in order to inherit the plantation he must assume the name of "Jones" which he did and was thereafter John Paul Jones.

It was during this time period that he made application to St Bernard Lodge 3122 at Kirkcudbright, Scotland and was initiated on November 27, 1770. Masonry played a big part in Jones' life from then on. While in Virginia he met many patriots including Washington, Patrick Henry, and most importantly, Ben Franklin, who was to play a large role in Jones' career in later life.

In 1775, shortly after the battle of Lexington and Concord, Jones' offered his services to the American cause. An organized force was available for fighting on land (The Militia), but no organized force existed to fight at sea. America needed a Navy and turned to John Paul Jones. He was invited by John Hancock and the Naval Committee of the Continental Congress to *Lay before the Committee such information and advice as may seem to him useful in assisting the said Committee to discharge its labors.* He gave much time and effort in working out plans for a new Navy.

Jones' name was placed on the first National Navy list as number one on the list of Lieutenants and he was the first of the officers on that list to receive his commission. Historical records show that he received his commission from the hand of John Hancock in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Jones went to Newport, Rhode Island and took command of the ship *Providence* and on June 14, set sail. The record from that voyage shows that Jones captured 16 enemy vessels, destroying 8 and sending the rest to America as booty. He returned to port to find that he had been promoted to Captain and the sadder news that his plantation had been burned to the ground by the British. 1777 found Jones in Philadelphia at the Naval board where he argued for a mission to European waters. An interesting note is that on June 14, 1777 Congress passed two separate resolutions. The first that *The flag of the thirteen United States of America be thirteen stripes, alternating red and white; and that The Union be thirteen stars in a blue field representing a new constellation.* The second resolution passed was that *Captain John Paul Jones be appointed to command the ship Ranger.* Jones was so moved by this that he wrote "That flag and I are twins; born the same hour from the same womb of destiny. We cannot be parted in life or in death. So long as we can float, we shall float together. If we must sink, we shall go down as one."

Point to Ponder

In Freemasonry the highest honor is the bestowal of the Lambskin or White Leathern Apron; the highest degree is the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason; the highest body is the Grand Lodge; the highest office is the Right Worshipful Grand Master; the highest privilege is to be accepted to Membership in a Lodge, and the highest duty is to live by the Obligations and Principles of Freemasonry.

MONTHLY MAILINGS

Please notify the secretary if your mailing and/or email address has changed so that the records can be updated and you can receive notices on a timely basis.

If your notice is returned as undeliverable (i.e. no forwarding address) you will be removed from the regular monthly mailing list.

Dues Reminder

If you have not yet paid your dues, please send a **\$75.00** check or money order made payable to: **William L. Elkins Lodge # 271** at your earliest convenience. Fifty year and Life members are exempt from dues.

Your dues can be mailed to the Secretary at the below address or they can be handed to him at any Stated or Extra Meeting of the Lodge. Your dues card will be mailed to you with your next Monthly Notice.

If you are having financial difficulties and cannot pay your dues please contact me either in writing or by telephone before December 31, 2013.

If your dues are not paid by the January Stated Meeting you run the risk of being suspended. Please take action now to avoid suspension and pay the amount shown above in a timely manner.

Fraternally,
Frank W. Podrebarac, Secretary
26 Chipmunk Lane
Media, PA 19063