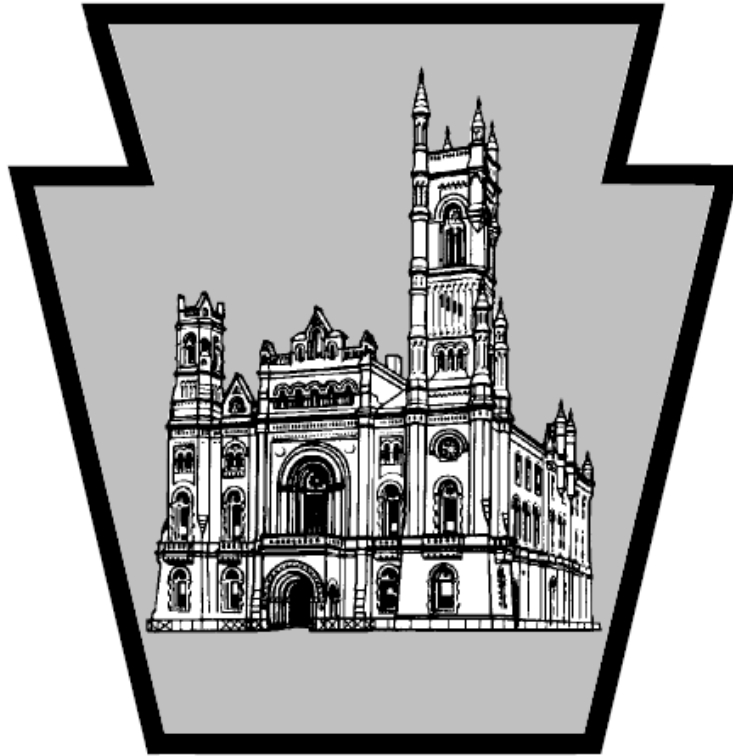


William L. Elkins Lodge



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



STATED MEETING

Visitation by members of Merchantville Lodge #119 F&AM

**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. Reservations requested.*

COMING EVENTS

December 9
December 16

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

COMMITTEE ON INSTRUCTION

Committee of Instruction will meet at 7:00 PM
On **Monday, November 11, 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

EXTRA MEETING

An Extra Meeting of William L. Elkins Lodge No. 271 will be held in Oriental Hall, Masonic Temple, on Wednesday, November 20, 2013 at 7 o'clock pm.

**The Fellow Craft Mason's Degree will be conferred upon:
SEAN MICHAEL NORTHROP**

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



**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. Entrekin	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

** Joseph H. Brown Lodge #751

#Suspended

† PDDGM

*Elkton Lodge No. 74 - VA

^Transferred

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

MEMBERSHIP

Membership <u>12/27/12</u> 287	Petitions 2	Reinstated/Admitted or Entered 4	Resignations/ Suspensions 4	Deaths 11	Membership Today 276
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MASONIC BIRTHDAYS

The following 28 Brethren celebrate Masonic Birthdays in November

<u>Name</u>	<u>Yrs</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Yrs</u>
Stanislav Alemaskin	2	Matthew S. Lupoli	16
Frank J. Avato	11	Jonathan M. Malcolm	11
Charles A. Bowers	47	Richard J. McElwee	2
John T. Bygott	3	Louis H. Mick	58
Joseph M. Cocco	4	Lee D. Napier	27
Kenneth S. Collins	52	Roy W. Newman, IV	8
John J. Cooke	5	Joseph W. Raffensberger	64
Stephen J. Craiter, PM	34	Anthony F. Ramondo, Jr.	26
Fredrick R. Custer	2	Richard D. Reilly	63
William J. Eichelberger	48	Willard R. Stover	67
Marc E. Golaszewski	5	James C. Tinsman	47
Harvey E. Hirth, PM	65	Nicholas L. Vinci	4
Frederick L. Kuhn	52	Raymond R. Woehr	50
Patrick Lampley, Jr.	20	Himanshu J. Zinzuwadia	2

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

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE GRAND LODGE:

You are hereby requested to attend the December Quarterly Communication of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania to be held at 10:00 o'clock, a.m. on Wednesday, December 4, 2013 at the Masonic Temple, 1 North Broad Street, Philadelphia, PA, at which the Grand Lodge Officers and Masonic Villages Board of Directors will be elected.

You are also hereby requested to attend the Annual Grand Open Communication of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania at the Philadelphia Marriott Downtown, 1201 Market Street, Philadelphia, PA, on Friday, December 27, 2013, at 10:00 o'clock, a.m. at which the Grand Lodge Officers will be installed.

By Order of the R.W. Grand Master.

Mark A. Haines
R.W. Grand Secretary

IN MEMORIAM

<u>Name</u>	<u>Initiated</u>	<u>Deceased</u>
GERALD V. HENDERSON	4/13/1951	7/5/2013
HARVEY C. HIRTH, PM	3/11/1955	5/10/2013
CALVIN B. MATTSON	2/18/1948	10/16/2013

SICK AND SHUT-IN BRETHERN

ROY W. NEWMAN, III, PM

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



FROM THE EAST

Please join us this month as we welcome our Brethren from Merchantville Lodge for their annual visitation. This is an evening both of our lodges look forward to and I hope to have a full house to share the evening with our Brothers from across the river.

This month we will be conferring the 3rd degree and raising a Brother to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason. It would be encouraging to have great attendance.

At our extra meeting in October we had a new Brother receive his 1st degree and will be conferring the 2nd at our extra meeting in November.

Are you a traveling man? We've all heard, and probably used, this expression. It is a far different question than asking someone where they are headed, this implying more of a destination while traveling speaks to more of a journey. All of us would readily admit to being a traveling man. So let's think about being a traveling man for a few minutes. If we are traveling, we are not remaining in one location but moving forward. If we are traveling we are probably not traveling alone but rather are accompanied by a friend or loved one. If we are traveling we have a means of travel.

So my Brothers, how are your Masonic travels? Are you making progress and moving forward or have you been idle? If you need to start moving again there are plenty of ways to make that happen. You can come to our stated and extra meetings, take advantage of the Grand Lodge website information, visit another lodge, come to the Tacony school and sharpen up, go to the breakfast club once a month, etc.

Are you enjoying the fellowship of your traveling companions or have you been absent from their company? They are traveling as well, and even if you feel you can make it on your own why would you rob them of the joy of companionship. Recently I visited a member of our lodge who has been absent from our meetings for awhile and found it to be very refreshing for both of us. Journeys are remembered fondly and enjoyed far more because of who they are made with than where they headed.

What about your means of travel? Is your ticket current and your seat reserved? If not, then please remember to pay your dues for the coming year. And don't forget your 2013 ticket is still valid so come out and use it. I look forward to seeing you at the November meetings.

Fraternally, Brother Jeffrey S. Henley, WM

The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania Masonic Charities Holiday Appeal

The approaching holiday season holds special meanings for us as Freemasons. Our philanthropy is what makes possible the outstanding services of the Masonic Charities that provide for our brethren and their families, the elderly and the youth, and our ability to reach out into the community to help our friends and neighbors. We show our charity as Freemasons through the vital programs and services of all the Masonic Charities.

If you have not already supported the Masonic Charities this holiday season, please consider a charitable gift before the New Year. You can make your donation online by logging onto www.MasonicCharitiesPA.org and clicking "Donate" and complete the form. Please consider the needs addressed by the Masonic Charities and support the necessary programs and services that we make possible together. There is still time to make a difference! Thank you for your support!

Please mail your contribution to: Masonic Charities
Office of Gift Planning
One Masonic Drive
Elizabethtown, PA 17022

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.

Currently only 44 members have paid their 2014 dues. Are you one of them?

Your dues can be mailed to the Secretary at 26 Chipmunk Lane, Media, PA 19063 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 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, PM, Secretary

JOHN PAUL JONES (Part 2 of 3)

Jones went to Portsmouth, New Hampshire to outfit the ship *Ranger* and sailed her to France arriving on December 2, 1777. He arrived in Brest Roads and sailed through the French Fleet, receiving the first national salute to the American flag by a foreign power. During the ensuing months he made several voyages, victorious in all. In September of 1778 he turned the *Ranger* over to Lt. Simpson and took command of a larger ship, *LeDuras*, which he renamed *Le Bon Homme Richard* after his friend and fellow Mason Benjamin Franklin who wrote *Poor Richard's Almanac*.

This was the ship that would make Jones a legend in the American Navy and American history. Sailing from the Road of Groaix on August 14, 1779 with three other ships the *Alliance*, the *Pallas* and the *Vengeance* he captured five prize ships in 40 days. On September 23 he met with the British ship *Serapis*, a 44 gun man-of-war. The battle between the two started at 7:00 in the evening and lasted until well after 11:00. The fighting was heavy from the beginning with both ships sustaining serious damage.

At one point during the fight, after a cannonball had taken away the *Richard's* flagstaff, Captain Pearson of the *Serapis* leaned over his rail and cried "Do I understand that you have been struck?" Jones' reply was "No, I have just begun to fight!" It was this incident that earned Jones everlasting fame in the annals of Naval History.

Finally Jones brought his ship close in and lashed both ships together. Jones led a boarding party onto the deck of the British ship and engaged in a furious hand to hand fight. Captain Pearson seeing the heavy casualties struck his flag and surrendered to Jones. The casualty figures showed that the Americans had sustained 67 dead and 106 wounded and the British had 87 dead and 134 wounded. (Thirteen died later in the night) Another casualty was the *Richard*. Her back broken, and taking on water, she sank in the early morning hours still flying the flag of the United States. Jones and his crew having transferred to the *Serapis* made what repairs they could and sailed into the Dutch harbor of Texel on October 3, 1779.

It was during the year 1780 that John Paul Jones was invited to join the Lodge of Nine Muses in France. Franklin had been the Master of this Lodge for two years and they welcomed the new American hero with open arms. The noted sculptor Houdon also started on Jones bust having already made the busts of Washington, Franklin and Voltaire who had joined the Lodge at the age of 80. This was a Lodge that numbered philosophers, liberals, and several leaders of the still to be fought French Revolution, among its members.

He left France bound for the United States on December 18, 1780 aboard the ship *Ariel* and landed in Philadelphia in February of 1781. In May of 1781 he gave up command of the *Ariel* and with it his active service in the Continental Navy. He was appointed as Special U.S. Agent to France in 1783. Here he was instrumental in collecting prize money that had not been paid to American Seamen during the war. In 1787 he received the only gold medal given by congress to a Navy hero of the Revolutionary War.