

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 December 5, 2013 in Norman Hall at 7:00 o'clock P.M.

STATED MEETING



ELECTION OF OFFICERS TO SERVE OUR LODGE BEGINNING ON ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST'S DAY NEXT

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 Necessary.*

COMING EVENTS

January 9, 2014

Stated Meeting date change from January 2 to January 9

January 13, 2014

Monday-Instruction at the Tacony Temple

January 20, 2014

Monday-Tacony School of Instruction

COMMITTEE ON INSTRUCTION

Committee of Instruction will meet at 7:00 PM
on **Monday, December 9, 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

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 126 members have not 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.



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

NOTE:THERE WILL NOT BE AN EXTRA MEETING IN DECEMBER

MEMBERSHIP

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

The following 15 Brethren celebrate Masonic Birthdays in December

<u>Name</u>	<u>Yrs</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Yrs</u>
Roy J. Bant	43	Richard D. Kindt	63
Donald W. Bubeck	50	Bryan J. McCallion	2
Gary N. Buss	21	Emory H. Merryman, PM	19
Carl H. Eggert	68	David Milliken	38
Jason M. Ercolono	1	Robert L. Nydick	58
William E. Fischer, PM	52	Jay E. Shirley	51
Robert D. Gilson	43	John N. Welsh	51
Timothy F. Ilsley	2		

We look forward to celebrating with you at the December 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



FROM THE EAST

By the time you receive this trestle board we will have passed the Thanksgiving holiday. I trust you took time to reflect on how blessed we really are. There are always issues in life, at times more than others, and we all regularly face challenges. Facing them with faith, confidence, a positive attitude and with great fullness to our creator better equip us to overcome each challenge. Among the things for which we should be grateful is the spirit of friendship and brotherly love that permeate our lodge.

As we move to the Christmas holiday and another new year please accept my wishes for nothing but the best for you and those close to you. In the coming year my heartfelt desire is that each day bring each of us closer as a fraternity, closer to those we care about, that our doubts decrease while our faith increases, that our problems diminish as our blessings increase, that we focus more on what unites us and less on our differences and that we practice in and out of the lodge those virtues we have do frequently heard expressed around the sacred altar.

May you and your families have a blessed holiday season!

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.

IN MEMORIAM (Correction)

Please note that last month it was inadvertently reported that Brother Harvey Hirth, PM died. Brother Harvey has informed me that he is alive and well and it was his brother who died. My apologies for the mix up.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Initiated</u>	<u>Deceased</u>
WILLIAM C. HIRTH, PM	3/11/1955	5/10/2013

SICK AND SHUT-IN BRETHERN

ROY W. NEWMAN, III, PM

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

A MAN PLUCKED OFF HIS SHOE & GAVE IT TO HIS NEIGHBOR

In a small town in mid-19th century America a young man said to his wife, "Mary, you have a shawl you never use. May I have it?"

She was puzzled for a few moments, but got the shawl. He thanked her and left the house. She was also suspicious, because several evenings during the past few months he had left after dinner without any explanation. He was never gone long, and when he returned he seemed to have an inner peace about him. He said nothing, and neither did she.

About a week later, Mary was shopping in the village when she saw her shawl again. She was shocked. It was on the shoulders of a beautiful young lady. Angrily Mary followed the girl to a shabby shack. Mary knocked on the door. The girl opened it and smiled when she saw the visitor. She held the door open and Mary stomped in.

As Mary looked around she saw an elderly lady propped up on a cot. The lady smiled and said; "How nice of you to visit us."

Mary was stunned. She did not really know what to say. The girl asked if she could fix her a cup of tea. Mary nodded and the girl turned to put a kettle on the stove.

While the water was heating, Mary said "I do not know exactly what to say, so I will tell you the truth. I saw my shawl on your daughter and I was furious. Last week my husband asked me for it, but didn't tell me why. I still don't understand how you have it."

The mother said "We have no idea who left it. We have no idea who has been doing some nice things for us for the past several months. Perhaps now we can solve the mystery. It started soon after my husband died. We had no money and I am unable to work. And Nancy couldn't find a job. We were desperate. We had no food and no fuel. Then one morning when Nancy opened the door she found several packages of food, clothing and coal on the doorstep. You have no idea what that meant to us.

"A short time later, along with more packages, Nancy found a note telling her to see Mr. Tompkins, the lawyer, if she would like a job. She did and Mr. Tompkins hired her. He sent a doctor to see her, who has been coming regularly ever since. and he won't take any money. And we still find packages, but have no idea where they come from."

They drank their tea and chatted pleasantly for some time. The mysterious packages were mentioned from time to time. Suddenly Mary asked: "Was your husband a Mason?"

"Yes, he was," said the lady. "He loved his Lodge. I don't think he ever missed a meeting." A short time later Mary left, promising to visit often.

After dinner that evening, Mary worked on a quilt she was making while her husband read. She looked up from her work and said "I think I learned the great secret of Masonry today."

Her husband looked at her with alarm and asked, "And what is it?" Mary answered, "To do good and not say anything about it."

The Masons of that small town had plucked off their shoes to help those in need. SHOULD WE DO ANYTHING LESS?

Millions of great men have been and are members of the Craft. Many have become truly Master Masons. But more have not. Actually, only a few Freemasons over the years literally plucked off a shoe and worked for the Fraternity. Imagine what a wonderful difference it should make throughout the world if only those millions who have received the Degrees would fulfill their obligations.

Will you ask yourself - "Have I sincerely plucked off my shoe in testimony of my fidelity to Freemasonry?"

If your answer is "No," will you consider plucking off your shoe? Will you work for your fellowman through Freemasonry? If you will, you'll make a difference for the better in today's uncertain world.

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