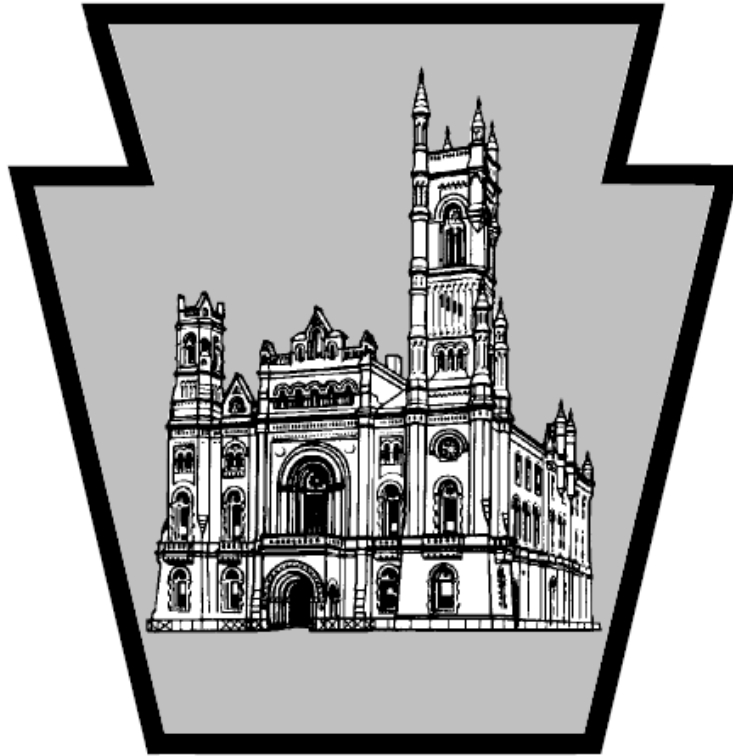


William L. Elkins Lodge



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 February 6, 2014 in Norman Hall at 7:00 o'clock P.M.



STATED MEETING

Presentation by a representative from the Philadelphia Brewing Company. Philadelphia Brewing was originally founded in 1885, acquired by the current owners in 2001 and operates the oldest and largest brewing facility in the city.

**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 6:35pm in the downstairs banquet room in the Masonic Temple. We will then adjourn to Norman Hall for our stated meeting. Reservations requested.*

COMING EVENTS

February 17	(Monday) – Tacony School of Instruction
March 6	Thursday-Stated Meeting
April 24	(Thursday) – Past Master's banquet

COMMITTEE ON INSTRUCTION

Committee of Instruction will meet at 7:00 PM
on **Monday, February 10, 2014** 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

There will not be an Extra Meeting in February

MEMBERSHIP

<u>Membership</u> <u>12/27/13</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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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		
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
		R. David Cowen	2005,06
J. Robert Leister	1982	Robert L. Strickland	2007,08,10
Daniel J. Hinds	1982, 83^	Thomas C. Tennesen	2009
		Patrick F. Kennedy	2011, 12
		Jeffrey S. Henley	2013

*** Mt-Horeb Phoenix Lodge #432

** Joseph H. Brown Lodge #751

#Suspended

† PDDGM

*Elkton Lodge No. 74 - VA

^Transferred

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.

**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

MASONIC BIRTHDAYS

The following 22 Brethren celebrate Masonic Birthdays in February

<u>Name</u>	<u>Yrs</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Yrs</u>
Jesse L. Ayton	3	Paul A. Little, PM	29
Morris J. Cherrey	60	Donald G. MacDonald, PM	29
Edward R. Denny	3	Lance D. Miller	2
Richard W. Dunlap	45	Thomas J. Miller, PM	45
Ryan J. Dunlavey	2	David C. Miller	31
Erwin F. Falkenberg	25	Frank W. Podrebarac, PM	47
Michael J. Ferrero	3	Bruce W. Robertson	53
Donald Ginsberg	62	Jose J. Salas	2
Theodore F. Hassell, PM	51	Alwin C. Schmidt, PM	59
Carl S. Heinel	64	William F. Speier	59
David W. Hughes	35	Paul D. Young	34

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

IN MEMORIAM

<u>Name</u>	<u>Initiated</u>	<u>Deceased</u>
WALTER J. DIENER, SR.	2/4/1954	12/1/2013
ROY W. NEWMAN, III, PM	1/4/1978	1/14/2014

SICK AND SHUT-IN BRETHREN

FRANK J. AVATO

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



FROM THE EAST

At one time we all stood hoodwinked before the sacred altar and expressed our desire for light. The gates of Freemasonry were thrown open to receive us and we began our journey. How bright is your light? Any type of light (candle, lantern, incandescent, LED, halogen and internal) needs to stay lit and tended to or it will end up having no effect on our daily lives. I'm sure we've all had the experience of entering a new room and wondering where the light switch was and how we could get some light. Even when we know the location of the switch if we neglect to turn in on there is no benefit to us.

Our journey gives us many opportunities to "turn on the switch" and there is plenty of light that we can benefit from. However how often do we quit the sacred retreat of friendship and virtue, mix again with the world and amidst its concerns and employments end up forgetting the duties we have heard so frequently inculcated and forcefully recommended; forgetting that by our amiable, discreet and virtuous conduct we can convince mankind of the goodness of our institution so that when anyone is said to be a member of it the world may know that he is one whose hand is guided by justice and whose heart is expanded by benevolence; forgetting that by diligent observance of the by-laws of our lodge, the constitutions of Freemasonry and, above all, the Holy Scriptures, which are given to us as the rule and guide of our faith we will be enabled to acquit ourselves with honor and reputation and lay up a crown of rejoicing when our time shall be no more; forgetting that we should let the genius of Freemasonry preside over our conduct and that we should preserve a nobleness and justness of understanding, politeness of manners and evenness of temper; forgetting to endeavor to contribute to the happiness of others.

Brethren, I know that among all that we have to deal with day in and day out it is easy to let these principles slip; that while we may not be in the dark, our light may not be as bright as it once was. Let's make this year the year we all dedicate ourselves to walking in more light, shining more light upon the path of our fellow travelers, spending more time in the light at Masonic meetings and gatherings and daily work out in our lives, and be an example of good men becoming better as a result of exposure to Masonic light.

Fraternally, Brother Jeffrey S. Henley, PM, WM

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 59 members have not paid their 2014 dues. Are you one of them? If your dues card is paid through December 31, 2014, you are current. If you do not have a current card and have paid your dues, please let me know as it may have been lost in the mail or inadvertently not sent in a timely manner.

What Are You Doing to Help, Aid and Assist "Blue Lodge" Masonry?

Working under the authority of the Grand Lodge, your Symbolic Lodge or "Blue Lodge," as we often call it is one of the most important units in the structure of Ancient Craft Masonry. The Symbolic Lodge is where you were actually made a Mason and took your first step in a Masonic journey.

It was in your Symbolic Lodge or "Blue Lodge," where you received the three most important Degrees conferred in Freemasonry, the Entered Apprentice Mason's Degree, the Fellow Craft Mason's Degree and finally, the most important of all Masonic Degrees, the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason. When you were unanimously accepted and became a member of your Symbolic Lodge, you then became associated with one of the most noble and altruistic fraternities for men throughout the world.

It is membership in your "Blue Lodge" that makes it possible for you to affiliate and enjoy membership in all other Masonic Bodies. Resigning or becoming suspended in your "Blue Lodge" automatically makes you ineligible to continue membership in other Masonic Bodies.

So, my Brethren, you can sense just how important the Symbolic Lodge is in Freemasonry. And, as important as it is, it should and must be the strongest and most active unit in our Ancient and Honorable Fraternity. But, important as it is, and as vital to the well-being of the Craft, too many of our members have, in a way, forsaken their Symbolic Lodge, the very Lodge that accepted them and made them a Mason.

How often do you attend your "Blue Lodge?" What have you done to advance the best interests and well-being of your "Blue Lodge?" If you were on trial for being a Master Mason, would there be enough evidence to convict you?

When your Symbolic Lodge accepted you and conferred the three Degrees upon you, it also obligated you to fulfill certain responsibilities due Freemasonry in general and your Symbolic Lodge in particular. Never has there been a greater need for concern and full allegiance to our Symbolic Lodges than now.

No man can consider himself a true Master Mason nor is he transmitting unimpaired the real tenets of our Ancient and Honorable Fraternity, if he merely bears the title of a Mason, pays his dues, and then delegates to others the performance of his Masonic responsibilities.

Brethren, the time is long over-due for a Back-to-Blue-Lodge-Movement." Our "Blue Lodges" have been sadly neglected and treated like forgotten souls. It is about time that we place the priority in Freemasonry where it rightfully belongs— with the Symbolic Lodges. They need your interest, your attendance, your understanding, your leadership, your general support and also your appreciation for what the "Blue Lodge" has done for you.

No matter what added Masonic honors have come your way, no matter how far you have or may travel, if you have learned and lived up to your oaths and obligations as a Master Mason, then you have attained all there is, fulfilled all there is, and received all there is in Symbolic Masonry.

You should always be real proud that you are a Master Mason and just as proud of the Masonic Body that made it all possible— "YOUR BLUE LODGE!"
