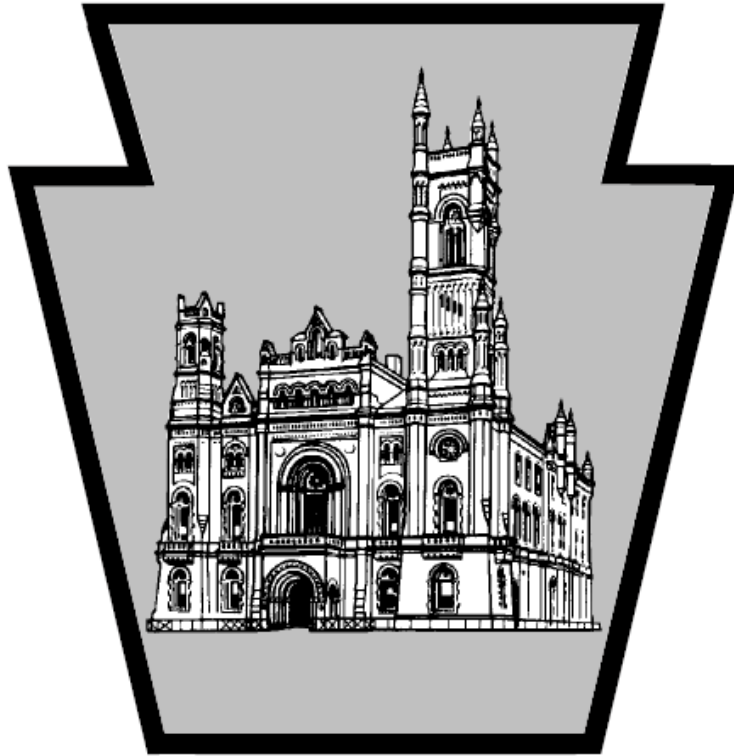


William L. Elkins Lodge



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



STATED MEETING

Presentation on Scottish Rite Masonry

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

March 17	(Monday) – Tacony School of Instruction
April 3	Thursday-Stated Meeting
April 24	(Thursday) – Past Master's banquet

COMMITTEE ON INSTRUCTION

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

MEMBERSHIP

<u>Membership</u>	<u>Petitions</u>	<u>Reinstated/Admitted</u>	<u>Resignations/</u>	<u>Deaths</u>	<u>Membership</u>
<u>12/27/13</u>	<u>or Entered</u>	<u>Suspensions</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
		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

Freemasonry has such a vast store of riches that each of us can find something in it to study, ponder and treasure. The most callous and worldly can be made to see its beauty; the most inquisitive have a vast field to explore in its history; the most religious can find true religion in its teachings and all can find a better way of life by adhering to its landmarks and tenets.

**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 23 Brethren celebrate Masonic Birthdays in March

<u>Name</u>	<u>Yrs</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Yrs</u>
Walter T. Barlow	25	Joseph E. Hermes	10
Robert D. Bogan	4	George W. Longan	47
Domenic Corsaro, PM	32	R. Robert McElwee, PM	39
Walter L. Crowder	37	John J. Morrison, PM	51
Cloyd R. Donaldson	23	Daniel L. Panetta	28
Michael A. Dowd	31	Frank H. Sleuman	55
Robert P. Eichman	48	Harlan H. Talley	69
Setrak Ejdaharian	46	Thomas C. Tennesen, PM	11
Frank F. Embick	58	Gilbert H. Thompson	62
George P. Endrigian	21	John R. Zaleski	1
John J. Godlewski	60	Nathan J. Zwanetz	7
Lawrence M. Hackett	28		

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

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

<u>Name</u>	<u>Initiated</u>	<u>Deceased</u>
WILLIAM J. CANNON	6/28/1984	1/4/2014
JAMES C. TINSMAN, JR., PM	11/8/1966	2/6/2014

SICK AND SHUT-IN BRETHREN

**FRANK J. AVATO
ALBERT C. LINQUIST
ANGEL M. RIVERA, SR.**

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



FROM Greetings Brethren,

Can it be that this winter is almost over? Hopefully the winter thus far has not left you with too much damage or impact. It is not normal to cancel a meeting, but I believe it was the right thing to do last month. With pitchers and catchers working out, the Winter Olympics behind us, and some having actually had some sunshine and warm days I know we are all ready for spring.

Our R.W. Grand Master, Robert J. Bateman, has family involvement as one of his initiatives for his term in office. One of the things this involves his suggestion that each lodge have a meeting that includes families in the spring and again in the fall. He has directed each lodge to include in their notice a solicitation for creative program ideas appropriate for all family members. So, let's all get started thinking guys – we need your ideas and suggestions. They do not have to be fully thought out and you do not need to suggest all the details, a rough idea is far better than no idea. Please let either the secretary or myself know of any and all ideas you have.

This month is the annual Merchantville Table Lodge on Friday March 14th. For those of you who have been there you will testify to it being a great evening. For those of you who have yet to attend, this is your chance. You will not regret attending!

March 13th is the audit dinner, and I will be scheduling our church service at Lafayette Hill for the month of April.

One of the things I think about is if being a Mason impacts our lives or is just a membership that we enjoy. Starting with this month's meeting we will set aside a few minutes at each meeting through the remainder of my term as Worshipful Master to discuss what it mean to be a Mason, Masonic attributes and virtues, education, etc. This may take different forms and I will be asking some of you to prepare and share at a meeting.

I look forward to seeing you at the March meeting.

Fraternally, Brother Jeffrey S. Henley, PM, WM

Did you know?

George Henry Burns (January 31, 1893 – January 7, 1978), nicknamed "Tioga George", was an [American first baseman](#) in [Major League Baseball](#) who played for five [American League](#) (AL) teams from [1914](#) to [1929](#). One of the league's top right-handed [batters](#) of the 1920s, he was named the AL [Most Valuable Player](#) in [1926](#) with the [Cleveland Indians](#) after [batting](#) .358 and setting a major league record with 64 [doubles](#). A career .307 hitter, he retired with 2,018 [hits](#), then the third-highest total by an AL right-handed hitter. His 1,671 games at first base were the most by an AL right-handed player until 1940; he still ranks third in league history.

Born in [Niles, Ohio](#), Burns was a [line drive](#) hitter and a solid defensive first baseman who hit .300 or better in all but one of his full seasons between [1918](#) and 1927. After four unremarkable seasons with the [Detroit Tigers](#) (1914–17), he was acquired by the [Philadelphia Athletics](#) in 1918. In his first season with the team he hit .352, surpassed only by the .382 of Detroit's [Ty Cobb](#).

George Burns became a Mason in Keystone Lodge #271 on June 11, 1917 when he received the Entered Apprentice Mason's degree; this was followed by the Fellow Craft Mason's degree on October 1, 1917 and the Master Mason's degree on November 8, 1917.

After slipping to .296 in 1919, he was sent to the Indians in May 1920. Burns started Game 6 of the 1920 World Series and with the Indians up 3–2 in the Series and no score in the 6th inning, Burns doubled home Tris Speaker with the only run of the game as the Indians edged [Brooklyn](#) 1–0 to take a commanding 4–2 lead in the nine-game Series. Cleveland won again the next day, capturing the first Series title for the Indians. He was traded to the [Boston Red Sox](#) after the 1921 season and batted .306 and .328 in 1922 and [1923](#), finishing second in the league in doubles the latter year. He got the first hit ever in [Yankee Stadium](#) in 1923, and on September 14 of that year against the Indians, he turned an [unassisted triple play](#) – only the fourth in major league history, and the first by a first baseman.

The following January, he was traded back to the Indians. Back with Cleveland, Burns hit over .300 in each of the next four seasons and was regularly among the league leaders in doubles. In 1926 he broke Tris Speaker's 1923 major league mark of 59 doubles, led the league in hits (216) for the second time and was second in the league in [runs batted in](#), behind [Babe Ruth](#). For his accomplishments that year, he was named the MVP, becoming the first Cleveland player to be so honored.

After being sent to the [New York Yankees](#) in late 1928, Burns appeared in only 13 games for the team before rejoining the Athletics in 1929. He ended his career with an unusual pinch-hitting appearance in the [1929 World Series](#), in which he won his second championship; in Game 5, he was sent in to bat for the pitcher with the Athletics down 8–3, and went on to hit twice in a 10-run inning that resulted in a victory.

Following his major league career he played for five seasons in the [Pacific Coast League](#), leading the league in RBI in 1932, and [managed](#) in the minors until [1939](#). He left baseball to become a [deputy sheriff](#) in [Seattle](#) until his retirement in 1967. Brother Burns died at Evergreen Hospital in [Kirkland, Washington](#) at age 84.

Sectional Meeting of the Schools of Instruction

A Sectional Meeting of the Schools of Instruction for Region One which includes Masonic Districts A, B, C, D, 5, 6, 8, 36 and 40 will be held on:

DATE: Saturday, April 12, 2014
PLACE: Masonic Temple
One North Broad Street
Philadelphia, PA 19107
TIME: 8:00 AM
REGISTRATION: 7:00 - 7:45 AM

All Lodge Officers, Floor Workers, School Officers and Instructors are expected to attend this most important of all Ritualistic functions. All Master Masons are also welcome to attend.

The District Schools of Instruction expend much time and effort to prepare for this Meeting. Please join us.

The schedule for the day has been modified to have all the work conclude by lunch, therefore no lunch arrangements have been made at the Temple.

Sincerely and fraternally,

Robert J. Bateman, R. W. Grand Master

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 50 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 manne
