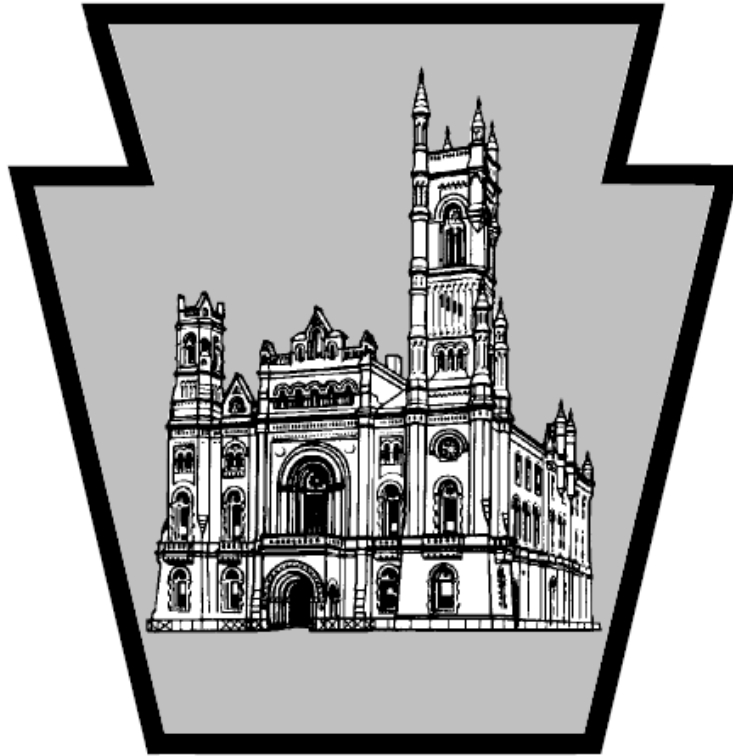


William L. Elkins Lodge



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 May 1, 2014 in Norman Hall at 7:00 o'clock P.M.

STATED MEETING



District "A" Night
Visitation by Brother Robert J. Burns, PM, District Deputy Grand Master
and officers of Masonic District "A"

Presentation of Fifty Masonic Service Emblems to:

Frank Aiken, III	9/16/1964
Samuel A. Schafer	4/14/1964

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

May 19	(Monday) – Tacony School of Instruction
June 5	Thursday-Stated Meeting

COMMITTEE ON INSTRUCTION

Committee of Instruction will meet at 7:00 PM
on Monday, **May 12, 2014** at the Tacony Masonic Temple,
4400 Magee Avenue, Philadelphia PA

All elective and appointed officers should attend. 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, May 21, 2014 at 7 o'clock P.M.

The EA Mason's Degree will be conferred upon Frank Anthony Cerrone

MEMBERSHIP

Membership		Reinstated/Admitted	Resignations/		Membership
<u>12/27/13</u>	<u>Petitions</u>	<u>or Entered</u>	<u>Suspensions</u>	<u>Deaths</u>	<u>Today</u>
276	1	2	5	9	264



**LIVING PAST MASTERS
WILLIAM L. ELKINS LODGE NO. 271**



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^
		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. Entrekim	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
†Thomas J. Miller, Jr.	1983, 94	Patrick F. Kennedy	2011, 12
		Jeffrey S. Henley	2013
*** Mt-Horeb Phoenix Lodge #432		† PDDGM	
** Joseph H. Brown Lodge #751	#Suspended	*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

MASONIC BIRTHDAYS

The following 30 Brethren celebrate Masonic Birthdays in May

<u>Name</u>	<u>Yrs</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Yrs</u>
Russell R. Cornell	51	Jeremy B. Malcolm	4
R. David Cowen, PM	30	Colin T. Mansley	4
Fred Deininger, PM	26	George J. Miller	49
Charles E. Entrekin, PM	46	Daniel G. Nate	28
Donald W. Ewing, PM	56	Eugene J. Nazer	39
George E. Fisher	34	A. Mercer Quinby, III, PM	51
Martin G. Good	34	Frank A. Ramondo	24
Douglas K. Gray	59	Alexander J. Schulke	34
Charles M. Helmling	57	Louis J. Secreto	16
Ronald H. Henderson	62	Gary L. Shafer	12
Edward L. Hoffman	64	David R. Shaheen	5
Casey D. Huckel	3	Robert L. Strickland, PM	12
George E. Kangian	60	John W. Vaughan	57
Patrick M. Lampley	22	William W. Werline	16
John B. Leister, PM	42	Jameson P. Young	7

We look forward to celebrating with you at the May 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>
FRANCIS B. BAIR	1/3/1979	10/23/2002
ROBERT E. EICHMAN	3/3/1966	7/10/2012
CHESTER M. HELLER, SR.	12/9/1947	10/5/2009
SAMUEL J. TAKIFF, PM	9/18/1926	5/1/2011
EDWARD G. TAJIRIAN	5/1/1958	7/9/2013

SICK AND SHUT-IN BRETHREN

**FRANK J. AVATO
GEORGE J. HAHN, PM
ALBERT C. LINQUIST
ANGEL M. RIVERA, SR.
WILLIAM WHITE**

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



Greetings Brethren,

As mentioned last month, it is important for all of us to become more active in lodge activities and assist in the conferral of degrees. I look forward to seeing a greater attendance at both our stated and instruction meetings.

This month we will be honored with a visitation by Brother Robert J. Burns, D.D.G.M. and the officers of Masonic District "A". What an opportunity to get to know our fellow officers and members. Likewise, we will be visiting the lodges in District "A" at a later date and sharing in Masonic Fellowship and education.

Those who have expressed interest in "going through the chairs" should make every effort to attend stated, extra and instruction meetings. Your progress is limited only by your initiative.

Lastly, please feel free to share your ideas and interests with me as to how we can make our meetings more productive and pique your involvement. Perhaps you would like to share your knowledge with the brethren concerning your vocation, hobbies and/or outside activities.

Send me yours ideas and suggestions so that I may incorporate them into my plans for the year. If you are interested in doing a presentation on a specific subject or topic (or know someone who might be) communicate that as well.

As I said last month, we will set aside a few minutes to discuss Masonic attributes and virtues and how being a Mason impacts our lives. I look forward to seeing you at the May meeting.

Fraternally, Brother Jeffrey S. Henley, PM, WM

Freemasonry is a [fraternal organization](#) that traces its origins to the local fraternities of [stonemasons](#), which from the end of the fourteenth century regulated the qualifications of masons and their interaction with authorities and clients. The degrees of freemasonry, its gradal system, retain the three grades of medieval craft guilds, those of Apprentice, journeyman or fellow (now called Fellowcraft), and Master Mason. These are the degrees offered by craft, or blue lodge Freemasonry. There are additional degrees, which vary with locality and jurisdiction, and are now administered by different bodies than the craft degrees.

The basic, local organizational unit of Freemasonry is the lodge. The lodges are usually supervised and governed at the regional level (usually coterminous with a state, province, or national border) by a [Grand Lodge](#) or Grand Orient. There is no international, world-wide Grand Lodge that supervises all of Freemasonry. Each Grand Lodge is independent, and they do not necessarily recognize each other as being legitimate.

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE GRAND LODGE:

You are hereby requested to attend the June Quarterly Communication of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania to be held at 10:00 o'clock, a.m. on Saturday, June 21, 2014 at the Bayfront Convention Center, 1 Sassafra Pier, Erie, PA.

By Order of the R.W. Grand Master.

Famous Mason

Woodward Maurice Ritter (January 12, 1905 – January 2, 1974), better known as **Tex Ritter**, was an American [country music](#) singer and movie actor popular from the mid-1930s into the 1960s, and the patriarch of the Ritter family in acting (son [John](#) and grandson [Jason](#)). He is a member of the [Country Music Hall of Fame](#). [Tex Ritter](#) was a member of Metropolitan Lodge No. 646, CA.

Ritter was born in [Murvaul, Texas](#), the son of Martha Elizabeth (née Matthews) and [German American](#) James Everett Ritter. He grew up on his family's farm in [Panola County](#) and attended grade school in [Carthage](#). He attended South Park High School in [Beaumont](#), Texas. After graduating with honors, he entered the [University of Texas at Austin](#); he studied pre-law and majored in government, political science, and economics.^{[edit](#)} An early pioneer of country music, Ritter soon became interested in show business. In 1928, he sang on [KPRC-AM](#) in [Houston](#), a 30-minute program of mostly cowboy songs. That same year, he moved to [New York City](#) and landed a job in the men's chorus of the [Broadway](#) show, *The New Moon* (1928). He appeared as cowboy Cord Elam in the Broadway production *Green Grow the Lilacs* (1931), the basis for the musical *Oklahoma!*. He also played the part of Sagebrush Charlie in *The Round Up* (1932) and *Mother Lode* (1934).

Ritter was also cast in guest-starring roles on the [syndicated television series](#), *Death Valley Days*, and the [ABC](#) western series, *The Rebel*, starring [Nick Adams](#) as a wandering former [Confederate](#).

Ritter began recording for American Record Company ([Columbia Records](#)) in 1933. His first release was "Goodbye Ole Paint". He also recorded "Rye Whiskey" for the label. In 1935, he signed with [Decca Records](#), where he recorded his first original recordings, "Sam Hall" and "Get Along Little Dogie". He recorded 29 songs for Decca, the last in 1939 in Los Angeles as part of Tex Ritter and His Texans.

In 1936, Ritter moved to Los Angeles. His motion picture debut was in *Song Of The Gringo* (1936) for [Grand National Pictures](#). He starred in twelve [B-movie Westerns](#) for Grand National, including *Headin' For The Rio Grande* (1936), and *Trouble In Texas* (1937) co-starring [Rita Hayworth](#) (then known as Rita Cansino).

After starring in *Utah Trail* (1938), Ritter left financially troubled Grand National. Between 1938 and 1945, he starred in around forty "singing cowboy" movies. Ritter then moved to [Universal Pictures](#) and teamed with [Johnny Mack Brown](#) for films such as *The Lone Star Trail* (1943), *Raiders of San Joaquin* (1943), *Cheyenne Roundup* (1943) and *The Old Chisholm Trail* (1942). He was also the star of the films *Arizona Trail* (1943), *Marshal of Gunsmoke* (1944) and *Oklahoma Raiders* (1944).

When Universal developed financial difficulties, Ritter moved to [Producers Releasing Corporation](#) as "Texas Ranger Tex Haines" for eight features between 1944 and 1945. Ritter did not return to acting until 1950, playing mostly supporting roles or himself.

Ritter's recording career was his most successful period. He was the first artist signed with the newly formed [Capitol Records](#) as well as its first Western singer. His first recording session was on June 11, 1942.

In 1944, he scored a hit with "[I'm Wastin' My Tears on You](#)", which hit No. 1 on the country chart and eleven on the pop chart. " Between 1945 and 1946, he registered seven consecutive top five hits.

Ritter first toured Europe in 1952, where his appearances included a starring role in the *Texas Western Spectacle* at London's [Harringay Arena](#).

In 1953, he began performing on *Town Hall Party* on radio and television in Los Angeles.

In 1961, he hit the charts with "I Dreamed Of A Hill-Billy Heaven," which had actually been released six years earlier by [Eddie Dean](#).

Even after the peak of his performing career, Ritter was recognized for his contributions to country music and artistic versatility. He became one of the founding members of the Country in [Nashville, Tennessee](#) and spearheaded the effort to build the Country Music Hall of Fame and Museum. In 1964, he became the fifth inductee and first singing cowboy to be honored by the Country Music Hall of Fame.

In 1970, Ritter surprised many people by entering Tennessee's [Republican primary election](#) for [United States Senate](#). Despite high name recognition, he lost overwhelmingly to [United States Representative Bill Brock](#), who then defeated the incumbent Senator [Albert Gore, Sr.](#) in the [general election](#).

Ritter was married to actress [Dorothy Fay](#) on June 14, 1941, until his death. The couple had two sons, Thomas Ritter and actor [John Ritter](#) (father of [Jason](#) who was born in 1980). Tex helped start [United Cerebral Palsy](#) after Thomas was found to have the affliction.

In 1974, he had a heart attack and died in Nashville, ten days before his 69th birthday.

He is interred at Oak Bluff Memorial Park in [Port Neches](#) in [Jefferson County](#), Texas. Son John is interred at [Forest Lawn Memorial Park](#) in [Hollywood Hills](#), California.

For his contribution to the recording industry, Ritter has a star on the [Hollywood Walk of Fame](#) at 6631 Hollywood Boulevard; he and John Ritter were the first father-and-son pair to be so honored in different categories.