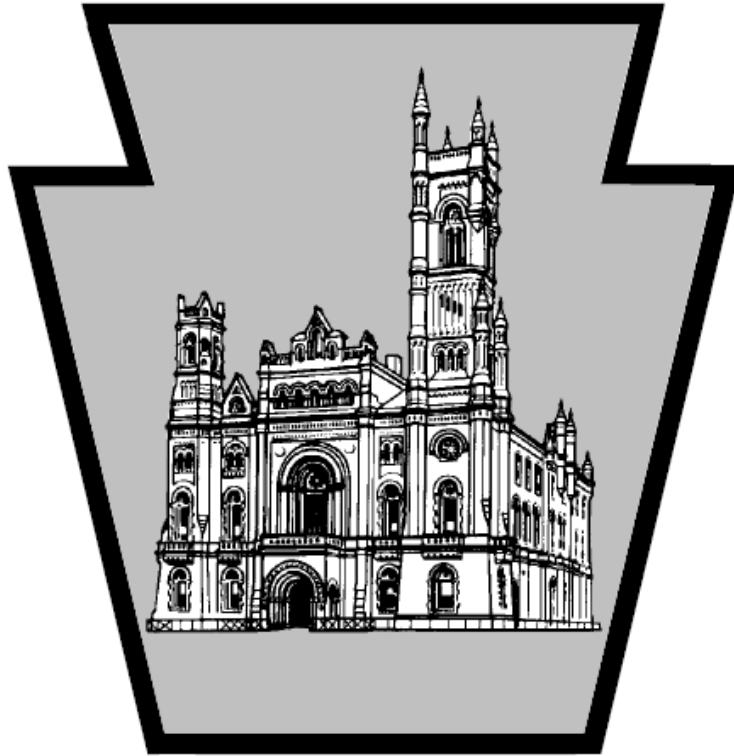


William L. Elkins Lodge



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 the Masonic Temple, One North Broad Street Philadelphia on Thursday evening **January 8, 2015** in **Oriental Hall at 7:00 o'clock PM, DST**

STATED MEETING



PRESENTATION OF OFFICERS FOR 2015

ACTION WILL BE HAD UPON THE FOLLOWING PETITIONS FOR INITIATION AND MEMBERSHIP

<u>Name</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Occupation</u>	<u>Residence</u>
Joshua Harrison Rutter	23	Gift Shop Coordinator	
<i>Committee of Inquiry: J. Norman Welsh, PM, John G. Santos, Sr and Himanshu J. Zinzuwadia</i>			
<u>Name</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Occupation</u>	<u>Residence</u>
Jeremy Andrew Young	32	Carpenter	
<i>Committee of Inquiry: J. Norman Welsh, PM, J. Leonard Ulan, Sr., PM and John G. Santos, Sr</i>			
<u>Name</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Occupation</u>	<u>Residence</u>
Daron Anthony White	30	Customer Service Rep	
<i>Committee of Inquiry: Robert L. Strickland, PM, Jason M. Ercolono and Sean M. Northrop</i>			

Note time for dinner is prior to our meeting: Buffet (see details later) 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 Required

EXTRA MEETING

An Extra Meeting of William L. Elkins Lodge No. 271 will be held in Oriental Hall, Masonic Temple, on Wednesday, January 21, 2015 at 7 o'clock pm.

The Master Mason's Degree will be conferred upon:

**JOSEPH JAMES BENZON, MICHAEL ROBERT BENZON and
KWUN YUE WONG**

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

COMING EVENTS

February 5, 2015	Stated Meeting
February 9, 2015	Monday-Instruction at the Tacony Temple
February 16, 2015	Monday-Tacony School of Instruction

COMMITTEE ON INSTRUCTION

Committee of Instruction will meet at 7:00 PM
on **Monday, January 12, 2015** 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.

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	5	5	14	19	248



LIVING PAST MASTERS WILLIAM L. ELKINS LODGE NO. 271



Joseph W. Raffensberger	1955, 84***	Richard A. Booth	1986
Richard H. Wilson	1957	Charles A. Bowers	1986, 87
Alwin C. Schmidt	1959	Domenic Corsaro	1987
Rudolph B. Smith, III	1962, 81	John V. D'Ascenzo	1987
William E. Fischer	1965	James A. DeFrates	1988, 89#
Donald W. Bubeck, Sr.	1968	George J. Hahn	1988
Samuel A. Schafer	1968	Paul A. Little	1990, 99
William J. Eichelberger	1969,71,72	William J. McGonigle	1992, 93^
William J. Eichelberger	1993,95	Thomas J. Penn	1992
Raymond C. McKinney	1970	Stephen J. Craiter	1993
John A. Roth, Jr.	1970	Donald G. MacDonald	1994, 95, 98
John J. Morrison	1971	Roger W. Hallowell	1996, 97#
†Frank W. Podrebarac	1972, 79, 80	Patrick M. Lampley	1996
John H. Wilson, Jr.	1973	Timothy M. Radtke, I	1997, 98
Charles E. Entrekin	1974, 96	James F. Johnson	2000
A. Mercer Quinby, III	1975	J. Norman Welsh	2002, 08, 09**
W. Daniel Joseph	1976	Emory H. Merryman, Jr.	2000, 03, 10*
John B. Leister	1977	Leonard P. Ulan, Sr.	2000
Steven W. Rose	1979	Robert H. Henriksson	2001, 02
Donald W. Ewing	1980	Bekir Karabucak	2002
Theodore F. Hassell	1980	Robert F. Hettinger	2003, 04
David Milliken	1980	R. David Cowen	2005,06
R. Robert McElwee	1981	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
Frank A. Aitken, III	1984, 85, 86	Jeffrey S. Henley	2013, 14

*** 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

MASONIC BIRTHDAYS

The following 36 Brethren celebrate Masonic Birthdays in January

<u>Name</u>	<u>Yrs</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Yrs</u>
Michael J. Appell	7	Albert C. Linqvist	24
George Bacon	65	Robert A. McCartney	40
Richard A. Booth, PM	33	Joseph Mckay	4
William S. Cadzow	64	John H.C. Plumb	21
James F. Elgert, PM	37	Timothy M. Radtke, PM	27
Sean D. Foleno	10	Frank A. Ramondo	5
Thomas J. Hadfield	39	Kevin B. Ray	26
John M. Hendry	32	Charles Reich	40
Jeffrey S. Henley, PM	7	Angel M. Rivera	6
Parke H.C. Hess	59	Harry R. Robey	59
Robert F. Hettinger, PM	18	John G. Santos, Sr.	8
Richard N. Jiosne	10	Richard K. Schoeniger	23
James F. Johnson, PM	18	James S. Symons	28
Mardie M. Juskalian	57	Joel C. Tinsman	32
Bekir Karabucak, PM	17	Leonard P. Ulan	15
Patrick F. Kennedy, PM	7	William White	54
Frank Kilburn	58	Richard H.C. Wilson, PM	68
John R. Liebmann	43	John M. Zazulak	11

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

SICK AND SHUT-IN BRETHREN

WILLIAM WHITE
JOHN H. WILSON, PM

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

The Blackball

The "blackball" is not a dagger for a coward's use or with which to even up an old sore. It is not a brush with which to besmirch the character of one who may hold different views from you. A "blackball" is a fraternity shield to protect not individuals but the fraternity from those who would injure it. It should never be casted with a prejudiced mind or a selfish thought. Remember, it is a serious thing to constitute one's self as jury and executioner in one single act, unless the fraternity's interests and well-being demand it.



FROM THE EAST

Please join us this month as we welcome our newly elective and appointed officers and prepare for an exciting year. Note that we will have an Extra Meeting on Wednesday, January 21, 2015 when we will be conferring three 3rd degrees and raising these Brethren to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason. It would be encouraging to have great attendance.

Several members have expressed interest in becoming more active in lodge activities and going "through the chairs". Remember, the more you put into Freemasonry, the more you get out of it.

I look forward to your input, participation and ideas as to how we can increase attendance and interest in our lodge. Do not be a stranger but be active. There are plenty of opportunities to use your talents, make and renew friendships and enjoy the benefits of Freemasonry.

I look forward to seeing you at the January meeting.

Fraternally, Brother James F. Elgert, WM

IN MEMORIAM

<u>Name</u>	<u>Initiated</u>	<u>Deceased</u>
FRED DEININGER, PM	5/2/1988	12/20/2014
CARL H. EGGERT	12/19/1945	12/19/2014
JOHN JACOB, JR.	6/5/1947	12/11/2014
CHARLES R. WELCH, JR.	1/7/1952	12/10/2014



**William L. Elkins Lodge No. 271 F.&A.M.
2015 Dues Statement – January Mailing**

Brother:

As you are aware the lodge collects dues on an annual basis and it is now that time of year to pay dues for 2015. Full dues for each member is \$75.00 as per the amended by-laws of the lodge, Article 6 section 6.01, \$26.50 of which goes to the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania and \$48.50 to our lodge.

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. You may also use PayPal to remit your dues but the total amount is **\$78.00** which covers the fee charged by PayPal.

Currently 84 members have not paid their 2015 dues. Are you one of them?

Your dues can be mailed to the Secretary at the below address, handed to him at any Stated or Extra Meeting of the Lodge or paid using PayPal. Your dues card will be mailed to you with your next Monthly Notice.

If you are having financial difficulties and cannot pay your dues please contact me either in writing or by telephone.

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, Secretary

STATED MEETING DINNER in the TEMPLE

SALADS: Tossed, Macaroni and Creamy Cole Slaw
VEGETABLES: Traditional Mashed Potatoes and Green Beans
ENTREES: Honey Mustard Chicken and Sirloin of Beef
DESSERT: Assorted Puddings

RESERVATIONS REQUIRED

If reservations are not made, neither seating nor selection can be guaranteed.

The Old Masters Wages

I Met a Dear Old Man Today Who Wore a Masonic Pin
It Was Old and Faded like the Man It's Edges Were Worn and Thin
I Approached the Park Bench Where He Sat to Give the Old Brother His Due
I Said, "I See You've Traveled East He Said, "I Have, Have You"?
I Said, I Have and in My Day Before the All Seeing Sun
I Played in the Rubble with Jubala Jubilo and Jubalum.
He Shouted, Don't Laugh at the Work My Son It's Good and Sweet and True
And If You've Traveled as You Said You Should Give These Things a Due.
The Work, the Sign, the Token, the Sweet Masonic Prayer.
The Vow That You Have Taken You Have Climbed the Inner Stair.
The Wages of a Mason Are Never Paid in Gold
But the Gain Comes from Contentment When You're Weak and Growing Old.
You See I've Carried My Obligations for All of 50 Years
It Has Helped Me Through the Hardships and the Failures Full of Tears.
Now I'm Losing My Mind and Body - Death Is near but I Don't Despair
I've Lived My Life upon the Level and I'm Dying on the Square
Sometimes the Greatest Lessons Are Those That Are Learned Anew
And the Old Man in the Park Today Has Changed My Point of View
To All My Masonic Brothers the Only Secret Is to Care
May You Live upon the Level and Part upon the Square.