

# 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 **December 5, 2015 in Norman Hall at 7:00 o'clock PM**

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### **STATED MEETING**

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

### **PROGRAM**

Did you know that estimated wealth of treasures in Indian temples is over one trillion dollars? Arts and crafts flourished in India during its golden age that traces from 700 A.D to 1700 A.D. Being built mostly from stone, India's temples have survived quite intact over a thousand years. Opulent and magnificent temples of India are a testimony to that golden Age.

Brother Himanshu, who is from India and a member of our Lodge, will present a Talk about the National Treasures of India and showcase some of these magnificent architecture gems along with history and culture of these temples.

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

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### **COMING EVENTS**

January 7, 2016  
January 11, 2016  
January 18, 2016

Stated Meeting  
Monday-Instruction at the Tacony Temple  
Monday-Tacony School of Instruction

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### **EXTRA MEETING**

An Extra Meeting of William L. Elkins Lodge No. 271 will be held in Oriental Hall, Masonic Temple, on Wednesday, December 16, 2015 at 7 o'clock pm.

**The Master Mason's Degree will be conferred upon:  
ERIC MARTAIN WEAVER and JUSTIN AARON BECKER**

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## COMMITTEE ON INSTRUCTION

Committee of Instruction will meet at 7:00 PM  
on **Monday, December 14 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.

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## MEMBERSHIP

<b>Membership</b>	<b>Reinstated/Admitted</b>	<b>Resignations/</b>	<b>Membership</b>
<b><u>12/27/14</u></b>	<b><u>Petitions</u></b>	<b><u>or Entered</u></b>	<b><u>Today</u></b>
248	3	3	246
	<b><u>Suspensions</u></b>	<b><u>Deaths</u></b>	
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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
		Stephen J. Craiter	1993
John A. Roth, Jr.	1970	Donald G. MacDonald	1994, 95, 98
John J. Morrison	1971	Roger W. Hollowell	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, Jr.	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

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**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**

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**MASONIC BIRTHDAYS**

The following 14 Brethren celebrate Masonic Birthdays in December

<b><u>Name</u></b>	<b><u>Yrs</u></b>	<b><u>Name</u></b>	<b><u>Yrs</u></b>
Roy J. Bant	45	Timothy F. Ilsley	4
Donald W. Bubeck	52	Richard D. Kindt	65
Gary N. Buss	23	Bryan J. McCallion	4
Eric A. Cahill	8	Emory H. Merryman, PM	21
Jason M. Ercolono	3	David Milliken, PM	40
William E. Fischer, PM	56	Robert K. Nydick	60
Robert D. Gilson	45	J. Norman Welsh, Jr.	53

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.

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**IN MEMORIAM**

<b><u>Name</u></b>	<b><u>Initiated</u></b>	<b><u>Deceased</u></b>
JAY ELLIS SHIRLEY	12/6/1962	5/6/2015

Farewell, my Brother; you have gone to meet your God,  
and may He approve of you

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**SICK AND SHUT-IN BRETHREN**

CLINTON G. LATOFF  
MARDIE M. JUSKALIAN, JR  
GEORGE P. ENDRIGIAN

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## FROM THE EAST

Brethren:

I hope you all had a good Thanksgiving and wish you a Merry Christmas. You have heard “build it and they will come”, well, we are trying to build this Lodge back up but we need good Brethren to become active. This means you, too! Being active, in addition attending our Lodge meetings and functions, includes volunteering for an appointed officer position, participation in the degree work (guide) and/or offering to speak about a favorite hobby or avocation.

Please call or email me if you are willing to become more active. It may not be easy but it will be very rewarding. Many of you have expressed interest in the past; now it is time to act on that interest. There are many opportunities to participate and they can be geared to your availability. If you are not quite ready let me know that also. I would like to hear from you, your ideas, your activities, your health and why you became a Mason.

There are now Ritual Books, in addition to our Stated, Extra and instruction meetings, which can help you learn the work at your leisure. What better way to make a good man (you) better. For those who have a Ritual Book but are not currently using it, please return it me so other deserving Brethren may make use of it.

I am looking forward to an exciting 2016. Our Lodge future depends on your commitment, participation, ideas and interest. Many major decisions will be made next year and your input is vital. You have the opportunity to be heard and help shape the future of your Lodge. Why not start by attending our Stated (December 5) and Extra (December 16) meetings.

So mote it be!

Fraternally, Brother James F. Elgert, WM

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## **William L. Elkins Lodge No. 271 F.&A.M. 2016 Dues Statement – December**

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 2016. Please send a **\$75.00** check or money order (to the Secretary) 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. A separate notice has been sent to each Brother who is not paid up through December 31, 2016.

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**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.

As you reflect on the blessings in your life, consider those who may need some extra kindness, compassion or assistance by reaching out with an end-of-the-year holiday gift to support one, some, or all of 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](http://www.MasonicCharitiesPA.org) and clicking "Donate Now" 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**

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**Grand Lodge of Free & Accepted Masons of Pennsylvania**

**Philadelphia, PA, September 1, A.D. 2015, A.L. 6015**

**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 2, 2015 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 David L. Lawrence Convention Center, 1000 Ft. Duquesne Blvd., Pittsburgh, PA, on Monday, December 28, 2015 at 10:00 o'clock am at which the Grand Lodge Officers will be installed.

**By Order of the R.W. Grand Master**

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## **MASONIC BANQUET MENU in the TEMPLE**

**STARTERS:** Venetian Style House Salad, Soup Du Jour  
**VEGETABLES:** Garlic Mashed Potatoes, Brussels Sprouts  
**ENTREES:** Chicken Parmigiana  
Petite Sirloin with sautéed onions  
**DESSERT:** Ice Cream

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### **SCHOOL OF INSTRUCTION**

Philadelphia Regional Instructor –S. Curtis Barrett, PM

#### **Tacony School**

Tacony Masonic Temple  
4400 Magee Avenue  
Philadelphia, PA 19135  
*Meets 3rd Monday at 7:30 PM*

#### **Temple School**

Masonic Temple  
One North Broad Street  
Philadelphia, PA 19107  
*Meets 4th Tuesday at 7:30 PM*



#### **Jenkintown School**

Jenkintown Masonic Temple  
443 Old York Road (Rt. 611)  
Jenkintown, PA 19046  
*Meets 1st & 3rd Tues at 7:30*

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### **POINTS to PONDER**

**Have you ever paused to consider what your Masonic membership is worth to you — not in dollars, but in the things that dollars cannot buy? Have you ever thought how Freemasonry makes you tolerant of the other fellow's faults and weaknesses because Love has brought Wisdom from the Great Light of Freemasonry? Have you ever thought of the strength and inspiration received from the lessons of Freemasonry, and how those lessons enrich our lives, and broaden our vision? Yes, they even make possible an education, the like of which is not possible through any other course of instruction.**

**In Freemasonry the highest honor is the bestowal of the Lambskin or White Leathern Apron; the highest degree is the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason; the highest body is the Grand Lodge; the highest office is the Right Worshipful Grand Master; the highest privilege is to be accepted to Membership in a Lodge, and the highest duty is to live by the Obligations and Principles of Freemasonry.**