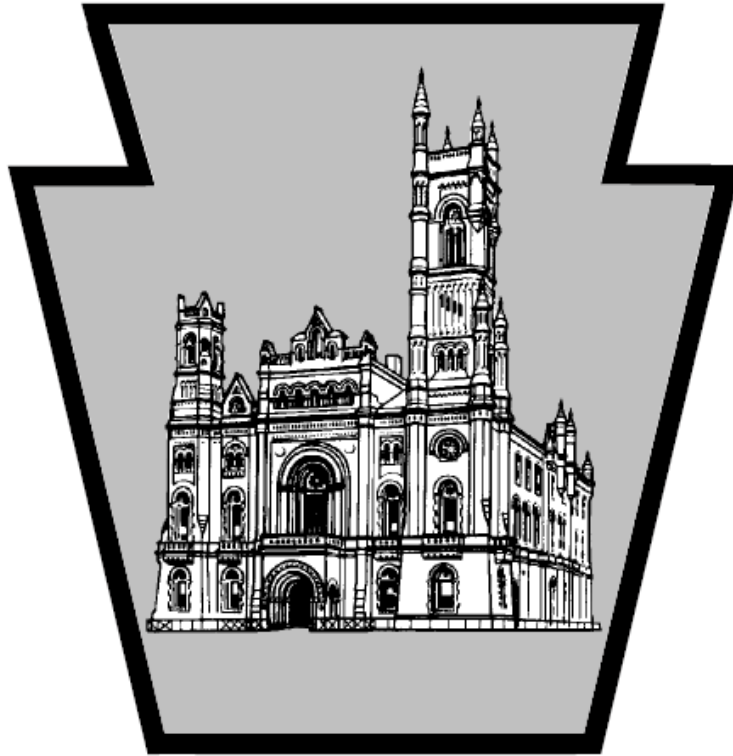


William L. Elkins Lodge



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 **February 4, 2016 in Norman Hall at 7:00 o'clock PM.**



STATED MEETING

PROGRAM

Brother Robert J. Burns, PDDGM will enlighten us on:

FREEMASONS IN CINEMA

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

There will **not** be an Extra Meeting this month

COMING EVENTS

March 3, 2016
March 14, 2016
March 21, 2016

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

COMMITTEE ON INSTRUCTION

Committee of Instruction will meet at 7:00 PM on Monday, **February 8, 2016** 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

<u>Membership</u> <u>12/27/15</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



Joseph W. Raffensberger	1955, 84***	Richard A. Booth	1986
Richard H. Wilson	1957	Charles A. Bowers	1986, 87
Alwin C. Schmidt	1959	John V. D'Ascenzo	1987
Rudolph B. Smith, III	1962, 81	James A. DeFrates	1988, 89#
William E. Fischer	1965	George J. Hahn	1988
Donald W. Bubeck, Sr.	1968	Paul A. Little	1990, 99
Samuel A. Schafer	1968	William J. McGonigle	1992, 93^
William J. Eichelberger	1969,71,72	Thomas J. Penn	1992
William J. Eichelberger	1993,95	Stephen J. Craiter	1993
		Donald G. MacDonald	1994, 95, 98
John A. Roth, Jr.	1970	Roger W. Hollowell	1996, 97#
John J. Morrison	1971	Patrick M. Lampley	1996
†Frank W. Podrebarac	1972, 79, 80	Timothy M. Radtke, I	1997, 98
John H. Wilson, Jr.	1973	James F. Johnson	2000
Charles E. Entrekin	1974, 96	J. Norman Welsh	2002, 08, 09**
A. Mercer Quinby, III	1975	Emory H. Merryman, Jr.	2000, 03, 10*
W. Daniel Joseph	1976	Leonard P. Ulan, Sr.	2000
John B. Leister	1977	Robert H. Henriksson	2001, 02
Steven W. Rose	1979	Bekir Karabucak	2002
Donald W. Ewing	1980	Robert F. Hettinger	2003, 04
Theodore F. Hassell	1980	R. David Cowen	2005,06
David Milliken	1980	Robert L. Strickland	2007,08,10
R. Robert McElwee	1981	Thomas C. Tennesen	2009
Daniel J. Hinds	1982, 83^	Patrick F. Kennedy	2011, 12
†Thomas J. Miller, Jr.	1983, 94	Jeffrey S. Henley	2013, 14
Frank A. Aitken, III	1984, 85, 86	James F. Elgert	2015

*** 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 23 Brethren celebrate Masonic Birthdays in February

<u>Name</u>	<u>Yrs</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Yrs</u>
Jesse L. Ayton	5	Donald G. MacDonald, PM	31
Morris J. Cherrey	62	Thomas J. Miller, PDDGM	47
Edward R. Denny	5	David C. Miller	33
Richard W. Dunlap	47	Lance D. Miller	4
Ryan J. Dunlavey	4	Frank W. Podrebarac, PDDGM	49
Erwin F. Falkenberg	27	Bruce W. Robertson	55
Michael J. Ferrero	5	Jose J. Salas	4
Donald Ginsberg	64	Alwin C. Schmidt, PM	61
Theodore F. Hassell, PM	53	William F. Speier	61
Carl S. Heinel	66	Paul D. Young	36
David W. Hughes	37	Jeremy A. Young	1
Paul A. Little, PM	31		

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.

SICK AND SHUT-IN BRETHREN

SHANE J. LOPRESTI
FRANK A. RAMONDO, JR.
GEORGE P. ENDRIGIAN

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

MASONIC TEMPLE BUFFET MENU

SALADS: Tossed Traditional Caesar Salad
VEGETABLES: Roasted Red Bliss Potatoes and Brussels Sprouts
ENTREES: Chicken Piccata
Pasta Primavera
Roasted Sirloin of Beef served in Brown Gravy
DESSERT: Assorted Puddings

RESERVATIONS REQUIRED.

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

POINT TO PONDER

So long as Freemasons reflect in their lives the spiritual and moral teachings of Freemasonry, the Craft will stand. The destiny of Freemasonry is not in the hands of the profane. The destiny of Freemasonry is in the hands of Freemasons — each and every one of us.



Brethren

FROM THE EAST

We had a good January meeting. The new Brethren helped in the chairs (on the job training). Don't forget we have School of Instruction on the second Monday of each month. The program, given by John Welsh III, on coal breakers was very interesting.

I would like the Brethren this month to try to bring another Brother with them. We will have an official visit from Brother Joseph M. Jensen, DDGM. Also, Brother Robert J. Burns, PDDGM, will enlighten us on "Freemasons in Cinema". It would be encouraging to see more Brethren on the side lines.

We have many good programs coming up throughout the year. In April we are having a Family Night and the guest speakers will bring us up to date on the various Masonic Homes in Pennsylvania, admission requirements, financial assistance available and guidance in estate planning. This program will address questions you may have concerning your (and your family's) future and what is being done by the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania to help answer them. I encourage you and your guest to mark the date now (Thursday, April 7, 2016) and plan on attending.

As I have said before, this is a critical year for our Lodge. Many of you have indicated an interest in becoming more active but have not yet followed up with your commitment. Now is the time to step forward and help strengthen our "Line" (both Elective and Appointed officers).

What better time than now to step forward and advance your knowledge in Freemasonry. Also, mark your calendars for the 1st Thursday (stated meeting), 2nd Monday (instruction) and third Wednesday (extra meeting) of each month and join us as we work together in spreading and receiving Masonic Light. Please call or email me if you are ready to participate in the Obligations and Principles of Freemasonry.

Lastly, I am concerned about those of you who are not current in your dues and are at risk of being suspended. For those in this category, a separate notice will be sent to you. In most cases this is probably an oversight on your part so the easy solution is to send your dues check to the Secretary.

I am looking forward to your participation and attendance at our meetings.

Fraternally,
Brother James F. Elgert, PM, WM

IN MEMORIAM

<u>Name</u>	<u>Initiated</u>	<u>Deceased</u>
Frank J. Avato	11/07/2002	12/30/2015
Joseph E. Hayden	04/08/1960	10/06/2015



William L. Elkins Lodge No. 271 F.&A.M. 2016 Dues Statement – February 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 2016. 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. (PayPal address is frank@podrebarac.com).

Currently 52 members have not paid their 2016 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

FREEMASONRY

Freemasonry is not an insurance or beneficial society. It is not organized for profit. However, the charity and services rendered are beyond measure.

The solemn rites, of which you have been a part, are as binding on your consciences out of the Lodge as within it. They are links in that chain made in life, for eternity.

There can be no real Brotherhood without mutual regard, good opinion and esteem and mutual allowance for faults and failings. It is only those who learn habitually to think better of each other, and who look for the good that is in each other, who allow and overlook the evil, who can be Brethren one of the other, in any true sense.

Freemasonry is UNDERSTANDING, TOLERANCE, LOVE, HOPE, REVERENCE and CHARITY, all working through men who believe in the nobility of mankind, in the God-made destiny of men, and in the final triumph of good over evil.

ASK

The Ceremony of Initiation is twofold. It is sought by the Candidate and it is granted by the Lodge. To the Freemason the seventh verse of the seventh chapter of Matthew is deeply significant: "Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you.

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
Email:

Tacony.school@gmail.com
for scheduling certifications

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