

# 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 **March 3, 2016** in **Norman Hall at 7:00 o'clock PM.**

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### **STATED MEETING**

#### **PROGRAM**

#### **EXEMPLIFICATION OF THE EXAMINATION OF A VISITOR**

**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.*

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### **EXTRA MEETING**

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

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### **COMING EVENTS**

April 07, 2016  
April 11, 2016  
April 18, 2016

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

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### **COMMITTEE ON INSTRUCTION**

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

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## 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	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

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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 19 Brethren celebrate Masonic Birthdays in March

<u>Name</u>	<u>Yrs</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Yrs</u>
Walter T. Barlow	27	John J. Morrison, PM	53
Robert D. Bogan	6	Daniel L. Panetta	30
Walter L. Crowder, III	39	Frank H. Sleuman	57
<b>Cloyd R. Donaldson</b>	<b>25</b>	Harlan H. Talley	71
<b>Frank F. Embick</b>	<b>60</b>	Thomas C. Tennesen, PM	13
George P. Endrigian	23	Gilbert H. Thompson	64
Lawrence M. Hackett	30	Daron A. White	1
Joseph E. Hermes	12	John R. Zaleski	3
George W. Longan	49	Nathan J. Zwanetz	9
R. Robert McElwee, PM	41		

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.

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## SICK AND SHUT-IN BRETHREN

**EDWARD R. DENNY  
FRANK A. RAMONDO, JR.  
WILLIAM WHITE**

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

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## MASONIC TEMPLE BUFFET MENU

**SALAD:** Tossed Traditional Caesar Salad

**VEGETABLES:** Whipped Creamy Mashed Potatoes and Glazed Carrots

**ENTREES** Slow Roasted Roast Chicken with Fresh Herbs  
Homemade Baked Ziti  
Homemade Italian Meatballs served in a delicate red sauce

**DESSERT:** Assorted Puddings

**RESERVATIONS REQUIRED.**

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

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## POINT TO PONDER

An old-timer whose income was from ferrying passengers across a river was asked: "How many times a day do you cross the river?"

"I go as often as I can," he replied. "The more I go, the more I get. If I don't go, I don't get." So it is with attending Lodge Meetings. The more we go, the more we get out of our Lodge Membership.

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Brethren

## FROM THE EAST

We had a good turnout at our February meeting. The program that Brother Bob Burns, PDDGM, presented was outstanding. It was enlightening to learn about Freemason's in Cinema.

I would like to see more Brethren on the sidelines, and becoming more active, i.e. attendance, participating in degree work, presenting a program, etc. Frankly, I am confused and disappointed at the lack of interest of our members and wonder why you became a Mason.

I became a Mason because my dad and uncles were, and to be part of this elite group of men. Well they are gone now, except for one who lives in Florida. But it all worked out because I found more in Freemasonry that has helped me in my life than I could have ever expected. So if you joined for a similar reason that's great, but I hope you come to get more out of Masonry, like I did.

So again I ask, "Why did you become a Mason?" If you do not attend and participate, you are doing both yourself and your Lodge a disservice.

I would like to hear from you and what drew you into the Fraternity. And also what it would take to get you to attend and take part in Lodge activities.

Please note that the April 7 meeting is an adult Family Night with the focus on the Masonic Homes and the services that are provided to the membership. A buffet will be available for the members and their ladies starting at 6:35pm so it is important that you make your reservation by March 29.

We are slowly moving in the right direction and need your commitment.

Lastly, I am still 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 was 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

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## **William L. Elkins Lodge No. 271 F.&A.M. 2016 Dues Statement – March 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 35 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 April 7<sup>th</sup> 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  
26 Chipmunk Lane  
Media, PA 19063

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## REGIONAL SCHOOL OF INSTRUCTION FOR REGION 1

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 16, 2016  
**PLACE:** Masonic Temple  
One North Broad Street  
Philadelphia, PA 19107  
**TIME:** 8:00 AM  
**REGISTRATION:** 7:30 AM (remember dues card)

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 schedule for the day has been modified to have all the work conclude by lunch, therefore NO LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED.

### CORINTHIAN HALL

### IONIC HALL

8:15 am -Bus. of the lodge ...8<sup>th</sup> District

3<sup>rd</sup> Degree.....40<sup>th</sup> District

9:30 am – 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree ...Temple

1<sup>st</sup> Degree.....36<sup>th</sup> District

10:45 am – 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree ...Jenkintown

2<sup>nd</sup> Degree.....6<sup>th</sup> District

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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  
Email:

[Tacony.school@gmail.com](mailto: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