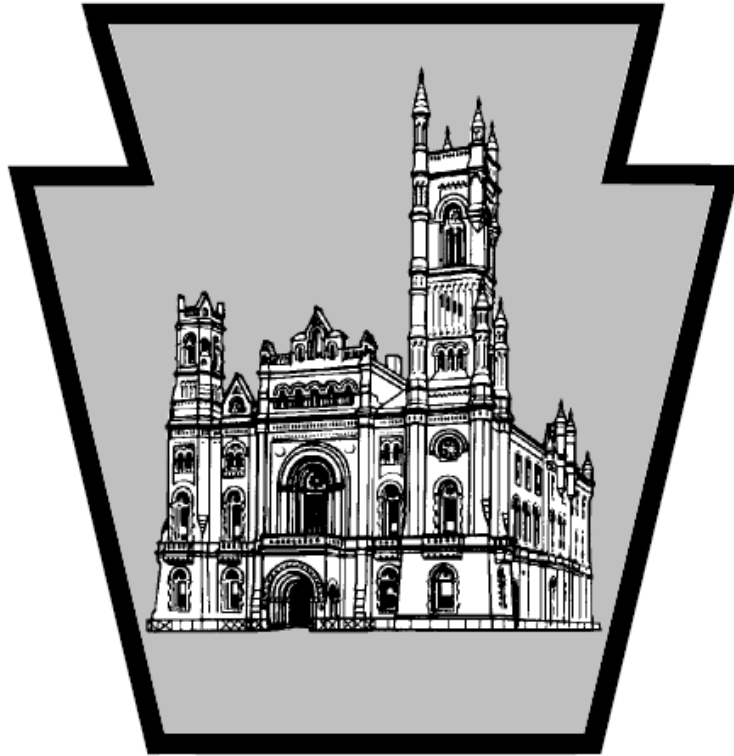


# William L. Elkins Lodge



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

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### **STATED MEETING**

#### **PROGRAM: FAMILY NIGHT**

This is a Family Night and our guest speaker (Brother Nicholas Mahler) 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.

**Note time for dinner is prior to our meeting:** Buffet (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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### **EXTRA MEETING**

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

### **COMING EVENTS**

April 24, 2016  
May 5, 2016  
May 9, 2016  
May 16, 2016

Past Master's Association (see details later)  
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, **April 11, 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><br><u>12/27/15</u> | <u>Petitions</u> | <u>Reinstated/Admitted</u><br><u>or Entered</u> | <u>Resignations/</u><br><u>Suspensions</u> | <u>Deaths</u> | <u>Membership</u><br><u>Today</u> |
|--------------------------------------|------------------|---|--|---------------|-----------------------------------|
| 248                                  | 0                | 0   | 0  | 2             | 246                               |



### 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. Hallowell     | 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**

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## MASONIC BIRTHDAYS

The following 32 Brethren celebrate Masonic Birthdays in April

| <u>Name</u>              | <u>Yrs</u> | <u>Name</u>            | <u>Yrs</u> |
|--------------------------|------------|------------------------|------------|
| Michael J. Balfe         | 4          | Shane J. LoPresti      | 5          |
| Adam R. Becker           | 9          | Alan L. Martinez       | 63         |
| Christopher M. Bodnar    | 6          | Charles W. McElwee     | 46         |
| Herbert L. Cash          | 46         | Robert W. Niederberger | 49         |
| John V. D'Ascenzo, PM    | 37         | Gerald L. Perrins      | 21         |
| Joseph P. D'Ascenzo      | 29         | Jurgen S. Rehnig       | 40         |
| John L. Dunlap           | 35         | Ismael T. Rios         | 24         |
| Ronald L. Gonzalez       | 27         | George E. Rush         | 10         |
| David L. Grasso          | 5          | Salvatore A. Scarpato  | 20         |
| Jan C. Grossman          | 31         | Samuel A. Schafer, PM  | 52         |
| William F. Heinel        | <b>70</b>  | William H. Smigiel     | 17         |
| Roger A. Hendler         | 51         | Mark A. Spitzner       | 35         |
| Bernhard W.F. Kemmerling | 47         | Michael J. Walton      | 20         |
| John E. Langan           | <b>60</b>  | Edward Williams,III    | 40         |
| Thomas J. Latoff,II      | 23         | Ray R. Wilson          | 13         |
| Francis H. Lawson        | 66         | Charles R. Wochele     | 35         |

We look forward to celebrating with you at the April 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

**SHANE J. LOPRESTI  
JEREMY B. MALCOLM  
STEPHEN J. CRAITER, PM**

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

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## MASONIC TEMPLE BUFFET MENU

**SALADS:** Tossed Traditional Caesar Salad  
**VEGETABLES:** Garlic Mashed Potatoes and Mixed Vegetables  
**ENTREES:** Freshly Breaded Chicken Cutlet Italianio  
Penne in a Delicate Red Sauce  
Roasted Sirloin of Beef served in Brown Gravy  
**DESSERT:** Assorted Puddings

**RESERVATIONS REQUIRED.**

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## POINT TO PONDER

**It isn't easy to apologize, to begin over, to admit error, to be unselfish, to take advice, to be charitable, to be considerate, to keep on trying, to profit by mistakes, to forgive and forget, to shoulder a deserved blame — but it is Masonic**

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### Grand Master's Mandate for Almoner's Fund

All Lodges are required to establish a Lodge Almoner's fund to aid and assist all worthy and distressed members and their families. Members are encouraged to donate at least \$5 each year to build up the fund. This will produce an initial fund of \$1,230. At least half of the fund is to be used to help those in need subject to an initial maximum of \$200 or 10% of the fund if greater (but not in excess of \$400).

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### FROM THE EAST

Brethren

I am looking forward to our April meeting. This will be a family night and the program focus is on our Masonic homes. This will show some of the newer brethren what's available through the fraternity.

Our interest in the Lodge is growing, and I am glad to see that. So this month call a brother and see if he would like to join with us and renew old friendships. Also let the secretary know if you and a guest are coming for dinner so we can get an accurate head count.

And remember that Sectional Meeting of the Schools of Instruction for Region One will be held on Saturday, April 16, 2016. 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. Parking tickets are only available at the 1324 Arch Street lot at a cost of \$10.

If dues are not paid by the April 7 meeting, you will be considered as being suspended. If you are having financial difficulties, help is available. Please contact me or the Secretary if you desire to avoid suspension.

In closing I hope you are all well and that you (and a guest) will join us at our April stated meeting.

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 Final Dues Statement – April**

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.

**If your dues are not paid by the April 7th 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.**

Please send a **\$75.00** check or money order made payable to: **William L. Elkins Lodge # 271** at your earliest convenience. 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 there are 25 members have not paid their 2016 dues. Are you one of them?**

Fraternally,

Frank W. Podrebarac, Secretary  
26 Chipmunk Lane  
Media, PA 19063

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### **FREEMASONRY**

**The wearing of the Square and Compasses carries with it those demands which distinguish the Mason from others in the community.**

**It is an emblem of honor. It stands for stability of purpose. It speaks the words: "My trust is in God."**

**It means respect for womanhood.**

**It means loyalty to country, both in time of peace and in time of war. It means obedience to law and opposition to all forms of violence and hate.**

**It means that the wearer is trustworthy.**

**It means that the wearer's honor and reputation are concerned in supporting with dignity the character he bears, the emblem he displays and the Fraternity he represents.**

**Let us wear the Square and Compasses proudly.**

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Past Master's Association details

The 93<sup>rd</sup> Annual Meeting of the Past Master's Association (PMA), which will be a brunch, will be held on,

**Sunday Morning, 24 April 2016 at 1130AM Sharp at the  
Concordville Inn  
780 Baltimore Pike  
Glen Mills, PA 19342**

**Business:** Election of officers for the coming year

Our quests will be Senior and Junior Wardens and All Appointed Floor Workers.

It has also been open for you to bring your spouse/lady friend @ a cost of \$13.00 (Cash only).

Please make your reservation by April 20, 2016.

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I will / will not attend the PM Brunch.

I will be bringing \_\_\_\_\_

Mail or Call to:

Timothy M. Radtke PM  
3110 Brighton Street  
Philadelphia, PA 19149-2027

215-518-0489 or E-Mail [waf832@aol.com](mailto:waf832@aol.com)

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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*