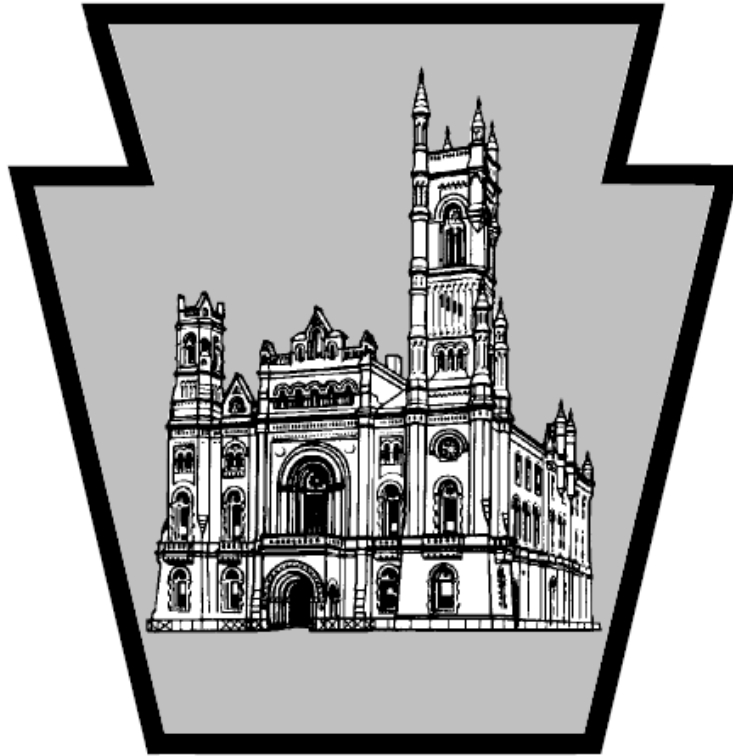


# William L. Elkins Lodge



## 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 **May 5, 2016 in Norman Hall at 7:00 o'clock PM.**

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### **STATED MEETING**

#### **PROGRAM: Second Responders Recognition**

Our guest speaker (John Costello) will bring us up to date on the EMS system and its changes over the years.

**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**

June 2, 2016  
June 13, 2016  
June 20, 2016

Stated Meeting: District A Night  
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, **May 9, 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
		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 27 Brethren celebrate Masonic Birthdays in May

<u>Name</u>	<u>Yrs</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Yrs</u>
Russell R. Cornell	53	Colin T. Mansley	6
Robert D. Cowen, PM	32	George J. Miller	51
Charles E. Entrekin, PM	48	Daniel G. Nate	30
Donald W. Ewing, PM	58	Eugene J. Nazer	41
George E. Fisher	36	A. Mercer Quinby, III, PM	53
Martin G. Good	36	Frank A. Ramondo	26
Douglas K. Gray	61	Alexander J. Schulke	36
Charles M. Helmling	59	Louis J. Secreto	18
Ronald H. Henderson	64	Gary L. Shafer	14
Edward L. Hoffman	66	Robert L. Strickland, PM	14
Casey D. Huckel	5	John W. Vaughan	59
Patrick M. Lampley, PM	24	William W. Werline	18
John B. Leister, PM	44	Jameson P. Young	9
Jeremy B. Malcolm	6		

We look forward to celebrating with you at the May 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

**ROBERT D. BOGAN  
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:** Venetian Style Salad  
**VEGETABLES:** Stir Fried Vegetables  
**ENTREES:** Chicken Teriyaki  
Vegetable Rice  
Marinated Pepper Steak over White Rice  
**DESSERT:** Assorted Puddings

**RESERVATIONS REQUIRED**

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## **POINT TO PONDER**

The only thing necessary for the triumph of evil is for good men to do nothing.

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## Applicants for Almoner's Fund

The Lodge Almoner's fund is available to aid and assist all worthy and distressed members and their families. Please notify the Worshipful Master if you are aware of any qualified applicants who may need assistance. All inquiries will be handled on a confidential basis. Use of Almoner's funds must be approved by Lodge vote.

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### IN MEMORIAM

<u>Name</u>	<u>Initiated</u>	<u>Deceased</u>
ALWIN C. SCHMIDT, PM	2/8/1955	3/18/2016
F. OLIVER STEINMETZ	12/16/1953	9/23/2016
LEONARD P. ULAN, SR., PM	10/8/1947	4/20/2016

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

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Brethren

### FROM THE EAST

I am looking forward to our May stated meeting and sharing it with you as I have been actively involved with the EMS program for over 44 years. There is much to share and learn which may hopefully benefit you or a loved one in the future.

A friend and fellow EMS Responder, John Costello, will present the background of the EMS system and discuss a number of changes that have been incorporated over the years. John's background includes extensive training in police and fire tactics which he has incorporated in his job.

Come on out Brethren and enjoy the program. I guarantee that you will not only benefit from the knowledge imparted but you will also find applications for it during your lifetime. But more importantly, it will be a good to see you and bring you up to date on future lodge functions.

Your interest in the Lodge appears to be growing, and that is a positive. So this month, call a brother and see if he would like to attend lodge with you and renew old friendships.

Also, let me or the secretary know if you and a guest are coming for dinner so we can get an accurate head count. I am looking forward to your participation and attendance at our meetings.

Fraternally,  
Brother James F. Elgert, PM, WM

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**What Are You Doing to Help, Aid and Assist "Blue Lodge" Masonry?**

**Working under the authority of the Grand Lodge, your Symbolic Lodge or "Blue Lodge," as we often call it, is one of the most important units in the structure of Ancient Craft Masonry.**

**The Symbolic Lodge is where you were actually made a Mason and took your first step in a Masonic journey.**

**It was in your Symbolic Lodge or "Blue Lodge," where you received the three most important Degrees conferred in Freemasonry, the Entered Apprentice Mason's Degree, the Fellow Craft Mason's Degree and finally, the most important of all Masonic Degrees, the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason.**

**When you were unanimously accepted and became a member of your Symbolic Lodge, you then became associated with one of the most noble and altruistic fraternities for men throughout the world.**

**It is membership in your "Blue Lodge" that makes it possible for you to affiliate and enjoy membership in all other Masonic Bodies. Resigning or becoming suspended in your "Blue Lodge" automatically makes you ineligible to continue membership in other Masonic Bodies.**

**So, my Brethren, you can sense just how important the Symbolic Lodge is in Freemasonry. And, as important as it is, it should and must be the strongest and most active unit in our Ancient and Honorable Fraternity.**

**How often do you attend your "Blue Lodge?" What have you done to advance the best interests and well-being of your "Blue Lodge?" If you were on trial for being a Master Mason, would there be enough evidence to convict you?**

**Brethren, the time is long over-due for a Back-to-Blue-Lodge-Movement." Our "Blue Lodges" have been sadly neglected and treated like forgotten souls. It is about time that we place the priority in Freemasonry where it rightfully belongs— with the Symbolic Lodges. They need your interest, your attendance, your understanding, your leadership, your general support and also your appreciation for what the "Blue Lodge" has done for you.**

**You should always be real proud that you are a Master Mason and just as proud of the Masonic Body that made it all possible— "YOUR BLUE LODGE!"**

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