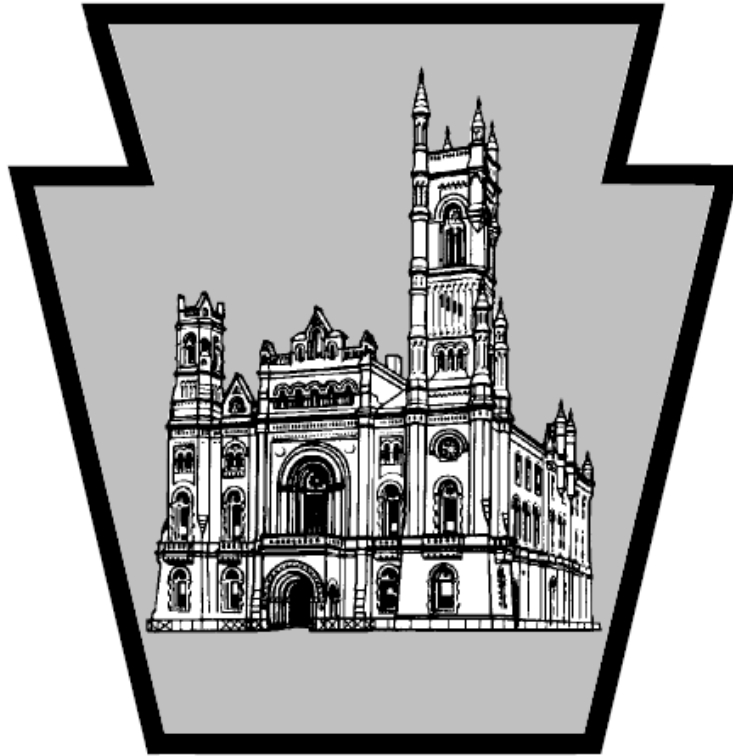


# William L. Elkins Lodge



## 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 **October 6, 2016 in Norman Hall at 7:00 o'clock PM.**

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### **STATED MEETING**

#### **PROGRAM**

**Our guest speaker this evening is the Honorable Kevin Dougherty who will address the workings of our court system and his experience in his climb to being elected to the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania (please see bio later in this notice)**

#### **ACTION WILL BE HAD UPON THE FOLLOWING PETITION:**

##### ***FOR INITIATION AND MEMBERSHIP***

<b><u>Name</u></b>	<b><u>Age</u></b>	<b><u>Occupation</u></b>	<b><u>Residence</u></b>
<b>Owen Thomas Radtke</b>	24	Fire Fighter	

*Committee of Inquiry: J. Norman Welsh, PM, Chairman, John G. Santos, Sr. and Michael R. Benzon*

***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

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### **COMING EVENTS**

October 10, 2016  
October 17, 2016  
November 3, 2016

Monday-Tacony School of Instruction  
Thursday-Stated Meeting

### **COMMITTEE ON INSTRUCTION**

Committee of Instruction will meet at 7:00 PM on Monday, **October 10, 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 12/27/15</u>	<u>Petitions</u>	<u>Reinstated/Admitted or Entered</u>	<u>Resignations/ Suspensions</u>	<u>Deaths</u>	<u>Membership Today</u>
248	0	0	2	3	243



### 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		
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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### **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.

### **FREE PARKING IS AVAILABLE TO MEMBERS AND GUESTS AT THESE TWO LOCATIONS**

Parkway Garage at 12th and Filbert Streets (1201 Filbert Street).

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 October

<u>Name</u>	<u>Yrs</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Yrs</u>
Harold N. Williams	74	Timothy N. Jadczyk	6
Howard L. Hausher	68	Steven J. Mackay	6
Harry K. Myers	60	Jon P. McCann	6
Edmund R. Shiffer	60	Patrick Q. O'Kane	6
James M. Sands	54	Jason M. Rafferty	6
John H. Wilson, PM	48	Bryan M. Urbanski	6
W. Daniel Joseph, PM	48	Jason P. Wall	6
Luther R. Royds	47	Wayne J. Warren	6
Samuel R. Jacobson	41	Kyle D. Stanley	5
Robert Kochersperger	39	Jeffrey J. George	4
Donald R. Poole	31	Kevin M. Moriarty	4
Thomas J. Penn, PM	29	Jason L. Sweeney	4
Harry B. Rutter	26	Sean M. Northrop	3
Richard J. Zambino	19	Justin A. Becker	1
Bryan D. Beyer	6	Eric M. Weaver	1
Manfred Brenes	6	Sean M. Toy	1

We look forward to celebrating with you at the October 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  
ROBERT D. BOGAN  
JONATHAN M. MALCOLM**

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

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## IN MEMORIAM

<u>Name</u>	<u>Initiated</u>	<u>Deceased</u>
None		

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## FROM A RECENT PAST MASTER

Brethren,

I recently read a passage written by Masonic author Carl H. Claudy that put this into perspective.

*Both Lodge and Master owe service to those elected to receive the degrees. The elected candidate has signed his petition, answered the questions, paid his fees, stood his investigation, came when called and submitted to proper preparation. Now his brethren-to-be are so to induct him in to mysteries that he may desire with all his heart to become "a good and faithful brother among us." He is entitled to a degree which will impress him; he has a right to hear the grand old words so spoken that they will have made a deep and lasting impression on his mind. What he hears and sees should convince him of the age, the dignity, the importance, the solemnity of the Ancient Craft.*

While I digested these words, a few questions came to mind: What had a lasting impression on me while I went through each of the degrees? What does a candidate think when he looks around room and sees vacant space and empty seats rather than a room filled with smiling brethren? What can I do to make a degree more memorable for a candidate?

I am well aware that we sometimes see degrees as long, boring and tedious. I too am sometimes guilty of this manner of thinking. But as I have grown in Freemasonry, participated in many degrees and having recently administered my first degree, my appreciation for the solemnity and dignity of the process grows. Our participation and attendance at degrees is a mark of respect due our candidates.

I have also heard many brethren, including myself say "I could never learn a degree, it's just too much." However, once we commit ourselves to the task, and with the assistance of many capable and helpful brothers, we find that it is not an insurmountable task. After I finished administering my first degree, I was full of anxiety and my brain was mush, but I was also filled a tremendous sense of accomplishment. Despite all of my mistakes, the candidate was impressed, and that is what matters most.

I challenge those who have been saying to themselves "I cannot do it" to travel the same road as many of your brothers have travelled before you and learn a degree.

My gratitude goes out to those who offered their knowledge and support during my travel down that same road.

Faternally,

Can you guess who I am? The first to respond correctly will receive a small gift.

### **Biography of the Honorable Kevin Dougherty**

**Justice Kevin M. Dougherty** was elected to the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania on November 3rd, 2015. Prior to his ascension to the highest court, he served as Administrative Judge of the Trial Division; First Judicial District. In this post he oversaw all aspects of Pennsylvania's largest civil and criminal trial court system.

Previously, Justice Dougherty served as Administrative Judge of Philadelphia Family Court for nearly a decade, where he implemented major reforms to better serve our most vulnerable and at-risk citizens.

Born in 1962, Kevin Dougherty comes from a working class South Philadelphia background. The son of a court officer, Judge Dougherty was the first in his family to graduate from college and then law school.

Dougherty graduated from Temple University. He then attended Antioch School of Law in Washington, DC. At Temple University and Antioch, Justice Dougherty was instilled with a deep commitment to social justice that has guided him throughout his career as a lawyer and judge.

Kevin Dougherty started his legal career as an assistant district attorney in Philadelphia. He prosecuted cases in Municipal Court, Juvenile Unit, Habitual Offenders Unit, Felony Waiver Unit, and the Major Jury Trial Unit. After leaving the DA's office, Dougherty went into private practice.

In 2001, Governor Tom Ridge appointed Dougherty to the Philadelphia Court of Common Pleas, and he won election to a full 10-year term later that year. Justice Dougherty requested to be assigned to Family Court. He sought this position because he felt that he could influence the lives of our most vulnerable citizens and help mold troubled youth into happy, healthy and productive members of society.

Soon after taking office, Justice Dougherty was appointed Supervising Judge of the Juvenile Division of Philadelphia Family Court in 2003. In recognition of his administrative skills and commitment to reforming the juvenile justice system, the Pennsylvania Supreme Court appointed Justice Dougherty to be Administrative Judge of the Philadelphia Family Court in 2005.

As one of the longest serving Administrative Judges in the history of Philadelphia Family Court, Justice Dougherty's work has made the streets and schools safer, led to fewer children being incarcerated or burdened with criminal records for life, and streamlined the day-to-day operations of the court system by consolidating Family Court's antiquated scattered facilities into one modern courthouse.

Justice Dougherty is the proud father of two children, Sean (21) and Katie (16). He resides in Northeast Philadelphia with his wife, Lisa.

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### **STATED MEETING BUFFET in the TEMPLE**

**SALADS:** Tossed, Macaroni and Creamy Cole Slaw  
**VEGETABLES:** Mixed Vegetables and Mashed Potatoes  
**ENTREES:** Honey Dipped Fried Chicken Cutlet,  
Roasted Sirloin of Beef and  
Stuffed Shells in a delicate red sauce  
**DESSERT:** Assorted Puddings

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

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### **William L. Elkins Lodge No. 271 F.&A.M. 2017 Dues Card – October Mailing**

Brother:

Dues (\$75.00) for 2017 are due no later than 12/31/2016. This is a continued advance notice. Payments prior to 12/31/2016 would still be appreciated.

Fraternally,

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

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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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