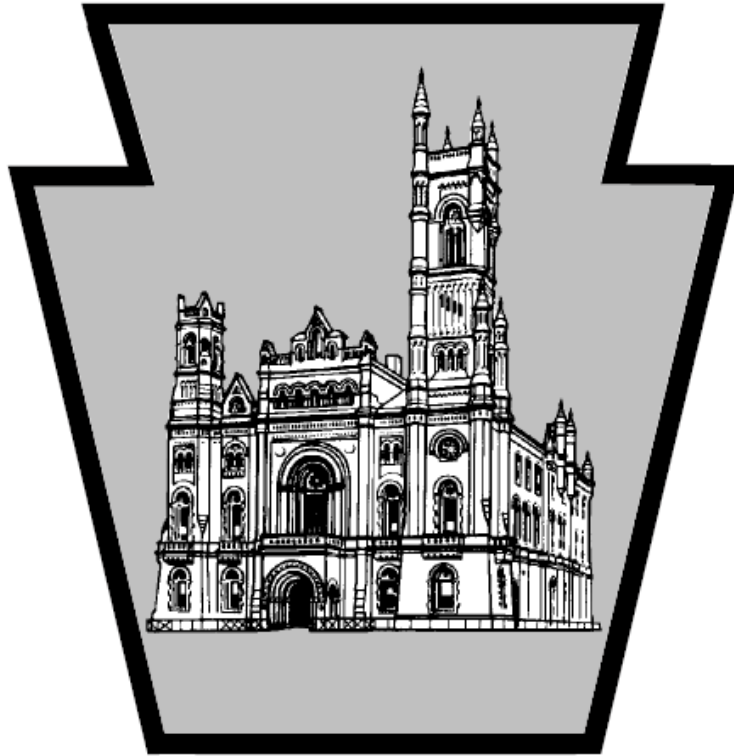


# William L. Elkins Lodge



## 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 **December 1, 2016** in **Norman Hall** at **7:00 o'clock PM**

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### **STATED MEETING**

#### **PROGRAM**

***ELECTION OF OFFICERS TO SERVE OUR LODGE BEGINNING ON ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST'S DAY NEXT***

***Note time for dinner is prior to our meeting: Banquet (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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#### **COMING EVENTS**

January 5, 2017	Stated Meeting
January 9, 2017	Monday-Instruction at the Tacony Temple
January 16, 2017	Monday-Tacony School of Instruction

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#### **EXTRA MEETING**

An Extra Meeting of William L. Elkins Lodge No. 271 will be held in Oriental Hall, Masonic Temple, on Wednesday, December 21, 2016 at 7 o'clock pm.

**The Entered Apprentice Mason's Degree will be conferred upon:  
JASON MICHAEL RAMAGE**

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#### **COMMITTEE ON INSTRUCTION**

Committee of Instruction will meet at 7:00 PM  
on **Monday, December 12 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>
248	3	2	2	4	244



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

\*\*\* 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 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 14 Brethren celebrate Masonic Birthdays in December

<b><u>Name</u></b>	<b><u>Yrs</u></b>	<b><u>Name</u></b>	<b><u>Yrs</u></b>
Roy J. Bant	46	Timothy F. Ilsley	5
Donald W. Bubeck	53	Richard D. Kindt	66
Gary N. Buss	24	Bryan J. McCallion	5
Eric A. Cahill	9	Emory H. Merryman, PM	22
Jason M. Ercolono	4	David Milliken, PM	41
William E. Fischer, PM	57	Robert K. Nydick	61
Robert D. Gilson	46	J. Norman Welsh, Jr.	54

We look forward to celebrating with you at the December stated meeting. If it is your Masonic Birthday and we omitted you, please notify the Secretary.

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### **IN MEMORIAM**

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

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**Friendliness and brotherliness should be stressed to the limit in Freemasonry. The practice of these relationships generate more power in fraternal life than all other things combined. In fact, without a feeling of close kinship among Masons, little may be expected from all other phases of Freemasonry. Every *Mason* is truly a Brother to every other *Mason*, and it is well to keep this thought in mind always.**

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### **SICK AND SHUT-IN BRETHREN**

**CLINTON G. LATOFF**

**GEORGE P. ENDRIGIAN**

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**I like going back to my Lodge. I have found it refreshing and good to step aside out of the path of my busy life and sit again with the Masons who have carried on in my absence. — Edgar A Guest**

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## FROM THE EAST

Brethren:

Thank you for the opportunity of serving as your Worshipful Master for the last two years. It has been a most warming experience and I encourage those who have not gone through the chairs to consider that as a future challenge.

We had a nice turn out at our November stated meeting. The highlight of the evening was the presentation on the career of Brother Douglas MacArthur by Brother Rev William D. Hartman and welcoming our Brothers from Merchantville Lodge #119 from Merchantville NJ.

We are heavily involved in the plans for 2017 and expect to have programs that you will find interesting. This involves the election of incoming Elective officers for 2017 and the subsequent determination of Appointed Officers. You can help by letting the incoming WM know how you would like to serve your lodge. I am encouraged with your increased interest and enthusiasm and would appreciate your input.

Please share your thoughts, concerns and ideas and become more active in 2017. Remember, the more you participate, the more you will benefit.

May you have a festive Thanksgiving and a Merry Christmas.

I look forward to seeing you at our December 1 stated meeting.

So mote it be!

Fraternally, Brother James F. Elgert, PM



## **William L. Elkins Lodge No. 271 F.&A.M. 2017 Dues Statement – December**

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 2017. Please send a **\$75.00** check or money order (to the Secretary) 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. A separate notice will be sent to each Brother who has not paid up through December 31, 2017.

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## **The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania Masonic Charities Holiday Appeal**

The approaching holiday season holds special meanings for us as Freemasons. Our philanthropy is what makes possible the outstanding services of the Masonic Charities that provide for our brethren and their families, the elderly and the youth, and our ability to reach out into the community to help our friends and neighbors. We show our charity as Freemasons through the vital programs and services of all the Masonic Charities.

As you reflect on the blessings in your life, consider those who may need some extra kindness, compassion or assistance by reaching out with an end-of-the-year holiday gift to support one, some, or all of the Masonic Charities.

If you have not already supported the Masonic Charities this holiday season, please consider a charitable gift before the New Year. You can make your donation online by logging onto [www.MasonicCharitiesPA.org](http://www.MasonicCharitiesPA.org) and clicking "Donate Now" and complete the form. Please consider the needs addressed by the Masonic Charities and support the necessary programs and services that we make possible together. There is still time to make a difference! Thank you for your support!

Please mail your contribution to:      **Masonic Charities  
Office of Gift Planning  
One Masonic Drive  
Elizabethtown, PA 17022**

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**Grand Lodge of Free & Accepted Masons of Pennsylvania**

**Philadelphia, PA, September 1, A.D. 2016, A.L. 6016**

**TO THE MEMBERS OF THE GRAND LODGE:**

You are hereby requested to attend the December Quarterly Communication of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania to be held at 10:00 o'clock, a.m. on Wednesday, December 7, 2016 at the Masonic Temple, 1 North Broad Street, Philadelphia, PA, at which the Grand Lodge officers and Masonic Villages Board of Directors will be elected.

You are also hereby requested to attend the Annual Grand Open Communication of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania at the David L. Lawrence Convention Center, 1000 Ft. Duquesne Blvd., Pittsburgh, PA, on Monday, December 28, 2015 at 10:00 o'clock am at which the Grand Lodge Officers will be installed.

**By Order of the R.W. Grand Master**

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## **MASONIC BANQUET MENU in the TEMPLE**

**STARTERS:** Venetian Style House Salad, Soup Du Jour  
**VEGETABLES:** Scalloped Potatoes, Glazed Carrots  
**ENTREES:** Glazed Baked Ham Hawaiian Style  
Herb Baked Chicken  
Stuffed Shells

**DESSERT:** Assorted Puddings

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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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### **POINTS to PONDER**

Freemasonry has endured not because of its antiquity, its influence, or its social standing, but because there have been so many who have lived it. The effectiveness of Masonic teachings will always be the measure by which the outside world judges Freemasonry; the proof of Freemasonry is in our deeds and it is in our deeds that Freemasonry is made known to non-Masons. The only way that the Craft can be judged is by its product. The prestige of Freemasonry lies squarely on the shoulders of each of us.

Freemasonry is kindness in the home, honesty in business, courtesy in society, fairness in work, pity and concern for the unfortunate, resistance toward the wicked, help for the weak, trust in the strong, forgiveness for the penitent, love for one another and, above all, reverence and love for God.

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