

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 **February 2, 2017 in Norman Hall at 7:00 o'clock PM**



STATED MEETING

PROGRAM

PUNXSUTAWNEY PHIL: Lessons for all

NOTE: Time for dinner is prior to our meeting in the downstairs banquet room in the Masonic Temple. Buffet will start at 6:35pm. We will then adjourn to Norman Hall for our stated meeting. Reservations Required.

COMING EVENTS

March 2, 2017
February 13, 2017
February 20, 2017

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

EXTRA MEETING

An Extra Meeting of William L. Elkins Lodge No. 271 will be held in Oriental Hall, Masonic Temple, on Wednesday, February 15, 2017 at 7 o'clock pm. Refreshments from 6-7PM in Temple Banquet Room.

The Entered Apprentice Mason's Degree will be conferred upon:

CONNOR TIMOTHY RADTKE

The Master Mason's Degree will be conferred upon:

JASON MICHAEL RAMAGE

MEMBERSHIP

<u>Membership</u> <u>12/27/2016</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



Richard H. Wilson	1957	Richard A. Booth	1986
Rudolph B. Smith, III	1962, 81	Charles A. Bowers	1986, 87
William E. Fischer	1965	John V. D'Ascenzo	1987
Donald W. Bubeck, Sr.	1968	James A. DeFrates	1988, 89#
Samuel A. Schafer	1968	George J. Hahn	1988
William J. Eichelberger	1969,71,72	Paul A. Little	1990, 99
William J. Eichelberger	1993,95	William J. McGonigle	1992, 93^
		Thomas J. Penn	1992
John A. Roth, Jr.	1970	Stephen J. Craiter	1993
John J. Morrison	1971	Donald G. MacDonald	1994, 95, 98
†Frank W. Podrebarac	1972, 79, 80	Roger W. Hollowell	1996, 97#
John H. Wilson, Jr.	1973	Patrick M. Lampley	1996
Charles E. Entrekin	1974, 96	Timothy M. Radtke, I	1997, 98
A. Mercer Quinby, III	1975	James F. Johnson	2000
		J. Norman Welsh, Jr.	2002, 8, 9**
W. Daniel Joseph	1976	J. Norman Welsh, Jr.	2016**
John B. Leister	1977	Emory H. Merryman, Jr.	2000, 03, 10*
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
		James F. Elgert	2015, 16

** 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

MASONIC BIRTHDAYS

The following 22 Brethren celebrate Masonic Birthdays in February

<u>Name</u>	<u>Yrs</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Yrs</u>
Jesse L. Ayton	6	Paul A. Little, PM	32
Morris J. Cherrey	63	Donald G. MacDonald, PM	32
Edward R. Denny	6	Thomas J. Miller, PDDGM	48
Richard W. Dunlap	48	David C. Miller	34
Ryan J. Dunlavey	5	Lance D. Miller	5
Erwin F. Falkenberg	28	Frank W. Podrebarac, PDDGM	50
Michael J. Ferrero	6	Bruce W. Robertson	56
Donald Ginsberg	65	Jose J. Salas	5
Theodore F. Hassell, PM	54	William F. Speier	62
Carl S. Heinel	67	Paul D. Young	37
David W. Hughes	38	Jeremy A. Young	2

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

IN MEMORIAM

<u>Name</u>	<u>Initiated</u>	<u>Deceased</u>
Mitchell R. Elkins	6/17/1998	12/26/2016

COMMITTEE ON INSTRUCTION

Committee of Instruction will meet at 7:00 PM
on **Monday, February 13, 2017** 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.

SICK AND SHUT-IN BRETHREN

GEORGE P. ENDRIGIAN

MICHAEL J. FERRERO



FROM THE EAST

My Brothers,

We are off to a great start in these early days of our yearly adventure. Here are some of my rambling thoughts about our lodge and its direction.

It just so happens that our February stated meeting is on Groundhog Day. Along with it being a festive time in Punxsutawney, PA, to me it recalls the Movie "Groundhog Day" in which the main character relives his same day experiences over and over.

While the movie is entertaining, I thought it had a lesson for me, (and all people). How lucky we are, to be able to learn about how all of us can improve our lives, and those of others, by being more considerate and caring and unselfish in every hour of the day.

Also, what were those forecasters (in top hats) thinking of when they created Groundhog Day?

Enough rambling already! There's work to be done! Be of good cheer and continue learning about your place in Freemasonry.

Looking ahead, make note that **April 6, 2017, will be "Family Night"** with a buffet dinner in the Grand Banquet Hall starting around 7:30 - 7:45pm. Mark this date and time on your calendar now as **Reservations are necessary.**

Continued best wishes to all!

J. Norman Welsh, Jr, WM 2017



William L. Elkins Lodge No. 271 F.&A.M. 2017 Dues Statement – February 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 2017 in order to avoid possible suspension. Please send a **\$75.00** check or money order made payable to: **William L. Elkins Lodge # 271** and mail to:

Frank W. Podrebarac, PM

26 Chipmunk Lane

Media, PA 19063

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 email notice has been sent to each Brother who has not paid up through December 31, 2017. If you are having financial difficulty, please let us know and thus help us help you to maintain active membership.

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 Richard K. Schoeniger, Chairman (215-342-4372) 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.

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

Square and Compasses

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.

What is a "Blackball" and its significance

The "blackball" is not a dagger for a coward's use or with which to even up an old sore. It is not a brush with which to besmirch the character of one who may hold different views from you.

A "blackball" is a fraternity shield to protect not individuals but the fraternity from those who would injure it. It should never be casted with a prejudiced mind or a selfish thought.

Remember, it is a serious thing to constitute one's self as jury and executioner in one single act, unless the fraternity's interests and well-being demand it.
