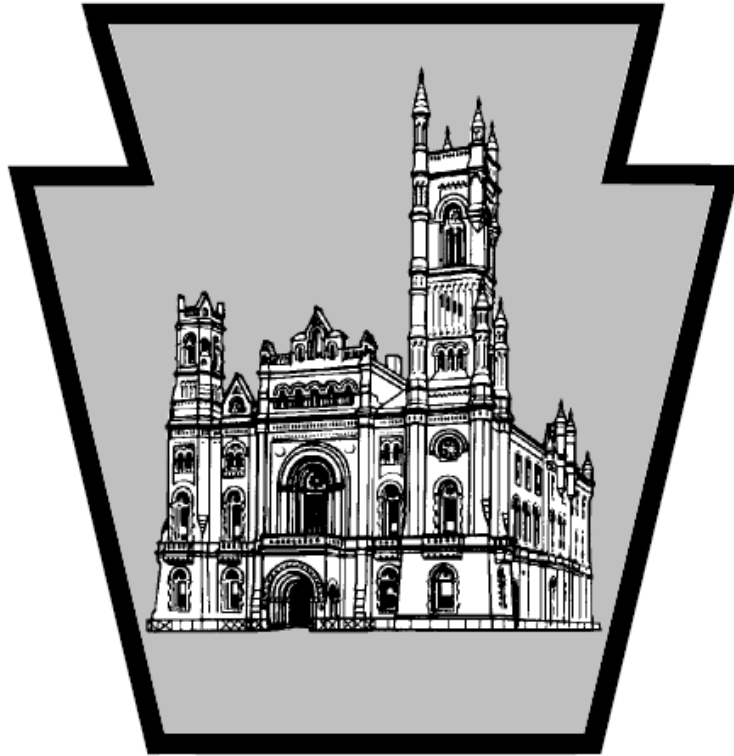


William L. Elkins Lodge



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 4, 2017 in Norman Hall at 7:00 o'clock PM**



STATED MEETING

William L. Elkins visitation night!

Officers from Grand Lodge & Brethren from other lodges will be honoring us with their presence. Let's show them a strong Elkins turnout!

Dinner will be held in Temple Banquet Room at 6:15 pm

Please RSVP if you plan on attending dinner.

Call or text Justin Becker, secretary, at 215-888-6714, or

Email justinbecker1107@gmail.com

Coming Events

Monday, May 8th: Instruction at Tacony Temple, 7:00 PM

Monday, May 22nd: Tacony School of Instruction, 7:30 PM

Petition for Membership

Action will be held upon the following Petition for Initiation and Membership:

John Patrick Jasionowicz, age 22

Student & ROTC Cadet, Temple University

Residing at 1840 N. 16th St. Philadelphia, PA 19121

Recommenders: Brother Joseph M. Jensen, DDGM & Justin A. Becker

Committee of Inquiry: TBD

MASONIC BIRTHDAYS

The following 26 Brethren celebrate a Masonic Birthday in May:

Robert D. Cowen, PM, 33 years	Jeremy B. Malcolm, 7 years
Russell R. Cornell, 54 years	Colin T. Mansley, 7 years
Charles E. Entrekin, 49 years	George J. Miller, Jr., 52 years
Donald W. Ewing, PM, 59 years	Daniel G. Nate, Sr., 31 years
George E. Fisher, 37 years	Eugene J. Nazer, 42 years
Martin G. Good, 37 years	Abram M. Quinby, III, 54 years
Douglas K. Gray, 62 years	Frank A. Ramondo, Jr., 27 years
Melvin C. Helmling, 60 years	Alexander J. Schulke, 37 years
Ronald H. Henderson, 65 years	Gary L. Shafer, Sr., 15 years
Edward L. Hoffman, 67 years	Robert L. Strickland, PM, 15 years
Casey D. Huckel, 6 years	John W. Vaughan, 60 years
Patrick M. Lampley, PM, 25 years	William W. Werline, 19 years
John B. Leister, PM, 45 years	Jameson P. Young, 10 years

We look forward to celebrating your Masonic Birthday. If your name has been omitted, please notify the Secretary.

COMMITTEE ON INSTRUCTION

Committee of Instruction will meet at 7:00 PM
on **Monday, May 8th, 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.



FROM THE EAST A Charge at the Opening of a Lodge

Brethren:—As useful knowledge is the great object of our desire, we ought to apply ourselves with zeal to the practice and profession of Freemasonry. The ways of wisdom are beautiful, and lead to pleasure. Knowledge is attained by degrees, and cannot everywhere be found. Wisdom seeks the secret shade, and the lonely cell, designed for contemplation. There enthroned she sits, delivering her sacred oracles. There we are to seek her, and to pursue the real bliss. Though the passage is difficult, the farther we trace it the easier it will become.

If we are united, our Fraternity must flourish. Let all private animosities, therefore, if any should exist, give place to peace and good fellowship. Uniting in the same grand design, let us be happy ourselves, and endeavor to contribute to the happiness of others. Let us promote the useful arts, and by that means mark our superiority and distinction. Let us cultivate the moral virtues, and improve in all that is good and amiable.

Let the genius of Freemasonry preside over our conduct, and, under her sovereign sway, let us preserve a nobleness and justness of understanding, politeness of manners, and evenness of temper. Let our recreations be innocent and pursued with moderation; and never let us suffer irregular indulgences to expose our character to derision and contempt. Thus, shall we act in conformity to our precepts, and support the name we have always borne, of being a respectable, regular, and uniform Fraternity.

—from *The Ahiman Rezon*



Brother:

If you still owe your 2017 dues, please pay immediately to avoid possible suspension. Send a **\$75.00** check or money order made payable to: **William L. Elkins Lodge # 271** and mail to:

Justin Becker, Secretary
1134 Tree Street
Philadelphia, PA 19148

Fifty year and Life members are exempt from dues. Members may also use PayPal, but please be aware of an additional \$3 fee. If you are currently experiencing financial difficulty, please notify the Secretary, and the Lodge will do what it can to help you avoid suspension.

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 Richard K. Schoeniger, Chairman, at 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

Masonic labor is purely a labor of love. He who seeks to draw Masonic wages in gold and silver will be disappointed. The wages of a Mason are in the dealings with one another; sympathy begets sympathy, kindness begets kindness, helpfulness begets helpfulness, and these are the wages of a Mason.

Bro. Benjamin Franklin