

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

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**Welcome back!** Please join us for dinner in the Temple Banquet Hall at 6:30 PM for a sit-down dinner consisting of **meatloaf, mashed potatoes, green beans, salad, and ice cream.** To attend dinner, you **MUST** notify the Secretary by September 1st at [justinbecker1107@gmail.com](mailto:justinbecker1107@gmail.com) or via phone call/text message to **215-888-6714**. Failure to RSVP to dinner may result in insufficient place settings and meals. Thank you

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### **PROGRAM**



**Brother John P. Ertel of Scouters Lodge No. 236 AF&AM, Grand Lodge of Maryland, will honor our Lodge with a talk about the 47<sup>th</sup> Problem of Euclid, as well as a talk about his attendance at the Boy Scouts of America's 2017 Jamboree**

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### **On the Agenda:**

Vote to reinstate Brother Walter J. Maylie, Jr., who was previously suspended and wishes to renew his membership

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### **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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The following 15 Brethren celebrate a **MASONIC BIRTHDAY** in  
September:

Bro. Carl E. Helper, 69 years  
Bro. Philip R. Beeson, 64 years  
Bro. John A. Roth, Jr., 61 years  
Bro. Rudolph B. Smith, III, 60 years  
Bro. Frank Aitken, III, 53 years  
Bro. Robert W. Rabel, 50 years  
Bro. Robert J. Gamble, Jr., 48 years  
Bro. Robert Navar, 48 years  
Bro. Richard E. Mampe, 26 years  
Bro. Richard J. Brown, 22 years  
Bro. Robert H. Henriksson, 22 years  
Bro. Kenneth J. Fleming, 21 years  
Bro. Clifford L. Fleming, 11 years  
Bro. Matthew D. Belasco, 8 years  
Bro. Craig M. Pottruck, 7 years

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



### **FROM THE EAST**

Brethren,

It's the traits – kindness, resilience, generosity, loyalty – that make you  
who you are.

Sometimes all we see are our perceived weaknesses or limitations, or we  
let the words that describe our physical selves (like hair color or pants  
size) define us. But we are all more than curly hair or freckles or straight  
teeth.

Recognizing our personal strengths – and tapping into them – may  
increase happiness and reduce depression. Studies show that people  
who identify their unique attribute and use it in a new way every day find  
longer-lasting happiness than those who simply reflect on happy  
memories.

Let us all welcome each other back into our Lodge with strength and  
positivity, and allow our happiness to reflect our daily interactions, both in  
and out of Lodge.

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## **COMMITTEE OF INSTRUCTION**

Committee of Instruction will meet at 7:00 PM  
on **Monday, September 11th, 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.



Brother:

It is time to begin paying dues for 2018.

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.

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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 **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.

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**Sick and Shut-in Brethren**  
Brother George J. Hahn, Past Master  
Abington Hospital  
1200 Old York Road  
Widener Building, Room 340  
Abington, PA 19001

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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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**COMING EVENTS**

**Tacony School of Instruction, September 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 PM**  
**Extra Meeting, September 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM**

**EXTRA MEETING**

An Extra Meeting will be held **Wednesday, September 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM in Oriental Hall**

Candidate **Jonathan Sergio Lomonico** will be **entered** into the Brotherhood of Freemasonry.

Refreshments in Temple Dining Room, 6:00 PM

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**LIVING PAST MASTERS  
WILLIAM L. ELKINS LODGE No. 271**



Richard H. Wilson, 1957
Rudolph B. Smith, III, 1962, 1981
William E. Fischer, 1965
Donald W. Bubeck, Sr., 1968
Samuel A. Schafer, 1968
William J. Eichelberger, 1969, 1971, 1972, 1993, 1995
John A. Roth, Jr., 1970
John J. Morrison, 1971
Frank W. Podrebarac, PDDGM, 1972, 1979, 1980
John H. Wilson, Jr., 1973
Charles E. Entrekin, 1974, 1996
A. Mercer Quinby, III, 1975
W. Daniel Joseph, 1976
John B. Leister, 1977
Steven W. Rose, 1979
Donald W. Ewing, 1980
Theodore F. Hassell, 1980
David Milliken, 1980
R. Robert McElwee, 1981
Daniel J. Hinds, 1982, 1983^
Thomas J. Miller, Jr., PDDGM, 1983, 1994
Frank A. Aitken, III, 1984

Richard A. Booth, 1986
Charles A. Bowers, 1986, 1987
John V. D'Ascenzo, 1987
James A. DeFrates, 1988, 1989#
George J. Hahn, 1988
Paul A. Little, 1990, 1999
William J. McGonigle, 1992, 1993^
Thomas J. Penn, 1992
Stephen J. Craitier, 1993
Donald G. MacDonald, 1994, 1995, 1998
Roger W. Hallowell, 1996, 1997#
Patrick M. Lampley, 1996
Timothy M. Radtke, 1997, 1998
James F. Johnson, 2000
J. Norman Welsh, Jr., 2002, 2008, 2009**, 2016**
Emory H. Merryman, Jr., 2000, 2003, 2010*
Robert H. Henriksson, 2001, 2002
Bekir Karabucak, 2002
Robert F. Hettinger, 2003, 2004
R. David Cowen, 2005, 2006
Robert L. Strickland, 2007, 2008, 2010
Thomas C. Tennesen, 2009
Patrick F. Kennedy, 2011, 2012
Jeffrey S. Henley, 2013, 2014
James F. Elgert, 2015, 2016

\* Elkton Lodge No. 74, Virginia  
 \*\* Joseph H. Brown Lodge No. 751  
 # Suspended  
 ^ Transferred

**MEMBERSHIP**

Membership August 2017	Petitions	Reinstated, Admitted, or Entered	Resignations or Suspensions	Deaths	Membership Today
240	2	0	1	0	239

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*“A pessimist sees the  
difficulty in every  
opportunity;  
an optimist  
sees the  
opportunity in  
every difficulty.”*

*Brother  
Winston Churchill*

